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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

New members, new chapters, new 50-year stamps, new certificates. That is the theme of 1976.

NEW MEMBERS

We have taken in 450 new members since the first of the year. That is over three applications a day on the average! Foreign memberships have made a dramatic increase and you will find a list of new overseas members listed on page 22. Keep an ear out for them on the air.

NEW CHAPTERS

New Chapters continue to be formed and we have now added:

Chapter #93 - British Columbia Chapter, Canada

Chapter #94 - Central Valley Chapter, Delano, CA

50 YEAR STAMPS

A brand new design for 50-year stamps has been printed and the stamps (shown below) are now available. These stamps sell for \$2.00 for 400 and will be issued only to those who submit proof of eligibility. Members who hold the Golden Anniversary or 60th Anniversary Awards are automatically qualified. The stamps are printed in red on a yellow background. They are very showy and distinctive.



NEW CERTIFICATES

New Certificatsa have been approved by the Board for recognition of 50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED. This certificate pays honor to those members who were not only licensed 50 years ago, but who have maintained their licenses continuously for all of those 50 years. A copy of the new certificate has been sent to all chapter secretaries for information. There is a \$1.00 fee for these certificates. An application form must be submitted. Use the Golden Anniversary certificate application form but add the notation that it is for the 50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED award. List all of your calls with dates. Proof of eligibility will be established if listings appear in all call books since 1926. We do check! Applications are now being taken but the first presentations will be made at the National QCWA Convention in Houston in October.

E, F, G, H

By now I guess everyone knows the explanation of the letters after the QCWA numbers in the new Call Sign Directory. They are a computer code to indicate the year of dues expiration. The letter F means a 1976 expiration, G means 1977. E means a 1978 expiration - if you paid your dues at the end of 1975. (If not you have been dropped by now!) H means dues are paid somewhere beyond 1978. L, of course, means Life Member.

This code can serve as a reminder of impending dues expiration. However it was intended only for use by the computer. Expiration notices will be stamped on the cover of September and December issue of the News. If we don't hear from you by the first of the year, then first class notices will be sent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On the next page is an INCOME AND EXPENSE report for the year ending 31 December, 1975. It shows that we did a \$29,000 business last year and ended up with an operating loss of \$226.

This year's budget has had to make allowances for a 30% increase in mailing costs, increases in printing costs, and a higher allowance for Headquarters expenses. The net result is a rather large deficit budget. There is enough money in the bank to handle this for another year, but, obviously, some adjustments will have to be made in the future. The Board of Directors will meet on June 9 to consider ways of balancing the budget and other problems facing a rapidly expanding organization.

Efforts to obtain approval of the IRS non-profit status of QCWA are under way. An amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation has been filed with the State of New York, and
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FINANCIAL REPORT

An Audit of the QCWA financial records has been completed by Nat Burnett, K4OL and William H. Kennedy, W2AS. The examination of the records included an inspection of the bank statements, pass books, and other records and tests of receipts and disbursements for the year.

The Audit Committee reported that they found the records to be satisfactorily maintained. Procedural changes instituted during the year have in their opinion increased operating efficiency, strengthened internal control and assisted in the audit of the accounts.

Following is an Income and Expenses Report for the year ending December 31, 1975.

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

INCOME:

Entry fees - new members	\$ 2,901
Dues earned	17,423
Sales of pins, badges, stamps, alpha directories, etc.	3,993
Interest earned	4,534
Advertising	100
Donations	155
	<u>29,106</u>

EXPENSES:

Operating expenses - Headquarters office	7,362
Stationery and printing	2,865
General postage expense	2,162
Printing and mailing - Newsletter	
Printing, etc.	5,670
Postage	1,841
Printing - 1974-75 Year Book	
50% allocated from 1974	2,888
Second printing in 1975	1,223
Printing - Alpha Directory	1,039
Advertising and promotion	386
Purchase of pins, badges, stamps, etc.	2,854
Office equipment	416
Miscellaneous	626
	<u>29,332</u>

(LOSS) FOR YEAR \$ (226)

HEADQUARTERS REPORT - Continued

Treasurer Mark Devaney has prepared the lengthy financial reports required. We are hoping to have a favorable decision in the near future.

RESTRUCTURING

No reports have been received from the Restructuring Committee. However, studies are continuing and a report is expected for the September Newsletter. A petition has been received at Headquarters requesting an amendment to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution to permit future amendments to be initiated upon petition of at least 100 members in good standing (without having to go through approval of the Board of Directors.)

CHAPTER LETTERS

Frequent mailings are being made from Headquarters to the secretary of each QCWA chapter. Hopefully, the information in these letters will be passed on to all chapter members. We can't afford to make individual mailings to the general membership, but - through our chapters - we should be able to keep most members well informed in between the quarterly Newsletters. Keep in touch with your local chapter.

ADVERTISING

We welcome two advertisers in this issue of the News. See the SKYLANE PRODUCTS ad on page 6 and the ad on page 8 for the ALLEN PARK INN, Headquarters for the QCWA Convention. These paid ads are much appreciated, and we are hoping for many more. A few pages of advertising each issue will go a long ways toward balancing the budget. QCWA News, with its circulation of over 7500 active Amateurs, offers the advertisers a good market. If you know anyone who knows anyone who might be interested in placing an ad, have them get in touch with QCWA Headquarters. Prices have been established at \$100 per page per issue, \$60 for a half page and \$35 for 1/4 page.

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

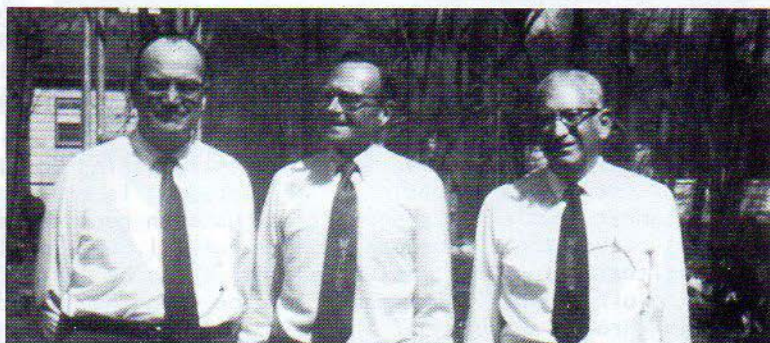
We have received a good many corrections and changes to the new Call Sign Directory. Thank you very much. We don't consider this "nit picking" at all. We are anxious to get the records right, and we will keep working at it until we have that "perfect" copy.

QCWA CONVENTION

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the QCWA National Convention in Houston, October 8-10. See pages 7 & 8 and get your reservations in NOW.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB
Executive Secretary

"TRIPLE CU" = 180 YEARS



The three Mumford Brothers, W2CU, W3CU and W6CU will receive 60th Anniversary Awards from QCWA at the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Chapter on June 12 at Vancouver, Washington.

Bill, Royal and Harold Mumford took their examinations in Vancouver in 1916 and were assigned the call 7CU and later 7ZJ. Royal became W7AZX and later W3CU, while Bill became W2DIH and W2CU. Harold became W6FAR and now W6CU.

The call 7ZJ was the result of "incentive licensing." In 1919 the three brothers took commercial licenses in order to get the "Special Station" call of 7ZJ and to operate it on wave lengths of 200 and 375 meters. On January 23, 1922, 7ZJ established what is believed to be a World's record for spark to spark with a QSO between Vancouver, Washington and Texas A&M Station 5XB in College Station, Texas - nearly 2000 miles away. They were also heard in Hawaii and in Chicago. One of their 500 mile QSOs took place while they were receiving with a crystal detector! In all, they worked over 180 different stations on spark.

If you are lucky enough to work all three of the Mumford Brothers, you will receive a special "Triple CU" QSL card.

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National Convention

October 8-9-10

Allen Park Inn

Houston, Texas

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Plans are progressing nicely for the QCWA Convention. Below is an outline of the agenda. This is going to be something really different - with a Western Rodeo and Barbeque Banquet, tours of NASA and the Astrodome, shopping sprees for the ladies, an important business meeting and interesting programs throughout. The registration fee covers the entire three days of fun and business. (See the March News for more details.)

Registration form for the convention and info on the Allen Park Inn appear on page 8. Make your plans now to attend this very special convention and get your reservations in early. Present pre-registrations indicate there will be a large attendance.

Friday, October 8	Noon - 8:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 p.m.		Reception. Cash bar
		Welcome and Introductions
8:00 p.m.		The Annals of the Houston Chapter
9:00 p.m.		Comedy Movie, "The L & H Antenna."
9:30 p.m.		Spark Transmitter Demonstration - W4ZM
Saturday, October 9	8:30 - 12:30	Flea Market
9:00 a.m.		QCWA Business Meeting - W2ALS presiding
9:30 - 12:00		Gals transportation to The Galleria
1 pm - 5 pm		Tour of NASA
		Tour of Astrodome if enough interested
6:00 p.m.		Transportation to Rodeo
		Barbeque Banquet
		Rodeo. Calf Scramble - QCWA vs Aggies
		Round and Square Dancing
Midnight ?		Transportation to Allen Park Inn
Sunday, October 10	8:30 - 11:00	Flea Market
8:30 - 9:00		Devotional
9:00 a.m.		QCWA Buffet Breakfast
9:30 a.m.		Prize Drawings and Awards
11:00 a.m.		Auction
12:00 Noon		Conclusion

REGISTRATION

QCWA National Convention

Houston Chapter QCWA
9258 Theysen
Houston, TX 77055

Hey, Gang! Count me in! I want to go Western at the QCWA National Convention in Houston, October 8 - 9 - 10, 1976.

Please register the following members of my family at \$20.00 for the first member and \$16 for each additional member.

1. _____ Call _____ \$20.00
2. _____ Call _____ \$ _____
3. _____ Call _____ \$ _____
4. _____ Call _____ \$ _____

Total remittance \$ _____

Signed _____ Call _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Headquarters will be the Allen Park Inn, 2121 Allen Parkway, Houston. Make your room reservations directly to the Inn. Rates are only \$14 single, \$17 double in the court and \$15 and \$18 in the main building. Recreational vehicles are welcomed but hook-ups are not expected to be available in time. There is no charge for RV parking if a room is taken. There is a \$5.00 charge otherwise. Space with hook-ups may be arranged nearby.

Bus transportation will be available from the Allen Park Inn to all activities. There will be a free bus to the Rodeo/Banquet.



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19TH ANNUAL Q C W A QSO PARTY - INDIVIDUAL SCORES

KV4AH	50,768	W3BDF	10,920	W7KXV	5,904	W9GEN	3,536
W3IN	47,971	W4KH	10,817	W3CO	5,895	W5GTU	3,465
W5BE	46,996	W4CZ	10,206	W5BED	5,880	W1PL	3,452
W6LQ	40,584	W8JM	10,176	W2FAR	5,880	W9FDY	3,393
W6FE	37,062	K4TM	10,149	W9NVJ	5,822	W3BTQ/6	3,388
W2MM/4	32,223	W0DBC	10,094	W0MJ	5,808	W2AIM	3,379
W6UA	29,711	K4AIZ	9,800	W3GLD	5,806	W2ADS/4	3,312
W4AMJ	25,668	W5NW	9,717	W6QIL	5,800	W9FFD	3,300
W4WQJ	24,288	W8CCN	9,715	W9ZEN	5,762	W3ZDW	3,270
W9IB	24,024	W3XM	9,447	W5AEJ	5,720	W5HV	3,268
K9CLO	23,826	W8PCX	9,440	W8PCS	5,719	W5BGC	3,264
K2DW	23,436	K4EZH	9,231	W5NC	5,715	W5GPD	3,135
W4NH	22,508	W2SF	9,200	W7AHK	5,680	W3UHV	3,232
W8KW/4	21,846	W2GHV	9,063	W0KKP	5,676	W5GPD	3,135
W5DB	21,641	VE3BR	8,736	W6BVM	5,612	W6RXD	3,116
W9ACU	20,971	W1HV	8,601	W5UCY	5,520	W2JGR	3,102
W6RZE	20,790	W3ADE	8,281	K4JLM	5,418	W8DIV/4	3,090
W6CC	20,097	W8EH	8,036	W5EJ	5,280	W1GKJ	3,072
W5JC	19,803	W9RC	8,016	W2HL	5,143	K6PG	3,069
VE3DMC	18,786	W6IC	8,003	W2MDM	5,130	W7FL	3,069
K4QG	18,660	K2IC	7,850	W3QA	5,080	W2GP	3,036
W9CV	17,612	W4BV	7,840	W0GBP	4,884	K0K0	3,034
W5YZ	17,485	W3ABC	7,791	W2PN	4,756	W1TEE	3,003
W4JCH	16,640	W7SFE	7,708	W2OEQ	4,720	W9PBJ	2,994
K4WQ	16,440	W3VA	7,482	W7AGV	4,524	K4FIB	2,970
W0DHN	15,562	W8TPC	7,245	W2MEI	4,520	W9CRN	2,926
W5SUS	14,877	W8QON	7,160	W3SX	4,446	W4NEI	2,916
K7BZ	14,691	W7ENW/7	7,155	K4YY	4,389	W5EIJ	2,904
W9GTL	14,628	W6FZX	6,996	K4WI	4,368	K4HMC	2,886
W8VSK	14,274	W5OP	6,996	W4ZO	4,340	W8AQ	2,880
W5QE	14,000	W2RPZ	6,958	W2DW	4,305	W84HLG	2,852
W4OMW	13,888	W5MRV	6,674	W7LQ	4,200	W9WNB	2,852
VE3ETK	13,255	W4DIO	6,630	W5QF	3,999	K3RFB	2,821
K4LMB	13,068	W8DWT	6,624	W2FPM	3,944	W8IQZ	2,820
K2GH	12,936	W0CAW	6,600	W5IBO	3,922	W4JUJ	2,805
K5AK	12,688	W4JM	6,576	W4KC	3,920	W4KMS	2,736
W2CVF	12,595	K4TYS	6,533	W4BQE	3,864	VE2CK/W1	2,688
YN1AA	12,276	W4CJC	6,528	W0BQ	3,842	W8GP	2,652
W3NVC	12,095	W3CVB	6,384	W5UD	3,828	W3RD	2,635
W5CFQ	12,090	W7AYO	6,355	W9KWA	3,811	W8LD	2,618
W1CNU	11,766	W9LNU	6,355	W5RZP	3,774	W8BKM	2,607
W0AP	11,662	W9HFG	6,336	W7RIR	3,720	W6TFR	2,550
W7JSSZ	11,514	W3WK	6,278	W8OM	3,672	K4KK	2,528
K4RR	11,448	W6PHE	6,256	W7VH	3,640	W7AFG	2,520
W6MA	11,343	W9MKL	6,248	W1AB	3,605		

W2MM/4 is listed for information only, W6UA is officially 6th.

QSO PARTY SCORES

W7DB	2,464	K4IDC	1,458	W9GDI	703	K4JPF	300	W2UAL	44
W9WR	2,436	W4YB	1,456	W5BW	684	W4JO	299	W94RXT	44
W7NJJ	2,418	W5SUX	1,404	W0FQB	684	W1AIO	299	W7IDZ	44
KV4CM	2,350	W9LRI	1,368	W4EXS	680	W7BKM	290	W4BIM	35
VE7VP	2,343	W7CT	1,364	W3CDQ	666	W6OSD	286	W6CL	34
W68JB	2,340	W2HAZ	1,350	W2CYS	666	W84VMP	280	W7PX	34
K4DL	2,320	VK2DA	1,350	W8EJP	646	W7OIO	279	K4IVA	32
W9CIB	2,295	W4GJ	1,300	W4JCK	640	W2RRY	273	K4WZ	32
K4RL	2,294	W1FPS	1,281	W9SW	629	W5IRP	266	W7BKB	32
W2JBL	2,250	W0GW	1,248	W3JJD	616	W9RK	261	W6DV8	30
W3HWZ	2,178	W3AKG	1,216	W3CQA	600	K4ZT	253	VE1OM	29
W84DDP	2,146	W5NYN	1,200	W8TOY	592	DL7AR	222	W1DMH	28
VE3HT	2,072	W6DOY	1,197	W2KGI/4	578	W8CUR	220	W9TNZ	28
K4HI	2,054	W6VH	1,176	K2MG	576	K6PM	216	VE3VD	25
W2HI	2,052	W4PT	1,150	W2CQI	560	W6EKM	216	W2CLI	24
W3GFR	2,016	W1TH	1,113	W4ZRJ	544	K4CK	210	W7FT	21
W2CJX	2,016	W3BCF	1,104	W3YD	520	W4KEB	204	W4GHR	20
W9MV	2,001	W0PFG	1,078	W5UZU	496	W1EXZ	200	KL7AB	18
W2CML	1,950	K6QM	1,056	W1TIV	468	VE2XR	190	W0VUJ	15
W3PTV	1,925	W4WS	1,050	W4TPA	468	W2YHF	189	W7IY	15
W5TXA	1,924	W2PGU	1,045	W8MXD	465	W4DPN	180	W4SZ	15
W0MKP	1,920	VE3UD	987	W6BYH	464	W0QAU	180	VE3GMD	11
K4NB	1,850	W2HUN	984	W4HVV	450	W6EWD	162	W9DI	8
W6ASH	1,820	K6BKW	960	W8ERR	448	W5QJE	162	W7DS	5
W84WDH	1,782	W4UCL	924	W5FW	448	W4YM	162	W4BHX	5
K4IGE	1,768	W9QLW	903	K8UZ	434	KH6CZ	162	W0KIC	4
W0LUF/4	1,764	W9BRX	902	K4FCW	432	W0JS	153	W6JZ	4
W5FGF	1,755	W5VL	900	W2SSN	416	W0QNY	152	K4FRG	2
W4KFC	1,736	VE2PJ	900	W1EXD	406	W5ZP	144	W5IGU	1
K3USD	1,736	K8BYH	874	K6EA	405	W4JZV	126		
W7BCS	1,725	W2IP	860	W9PTI	405	W0HA/5	117		
K6IM	1,704	W6ONM	860	W8AVB	392	W8ROV	112		
W3JZA	1,701	W3TN	858	W7KDJ	368	W4FOM	108		
W3HKS	1,650	W7LT	858	K2CP	351	K4HT	105		
VE3JT	1,638	W4ACP	851	W0JD	348	W3HGD	96		
W0VWJ	1,638	W3WRX	816	VE3IR	341	W2PF	90		
W7N1J	1,600	K4UY	810	W1WY	330	W6DRV	90		
W5NCB	1,596	W4JGE	810	W4WB	325	W5PA	69		
W3KPI	1,564	W5JHS	800	W2NPT	325	W4BUB	66		
K4ET	1,541	W7BKM	800	K5AV	319	W3FQS	63		
W8IHF	1,536	W2VAV	782	W7MKN	315	VK2AFG	63		
W4HBU	1,534	W2SNJ	760	W1DDC	312	W6YVV	52		
W5UAD	1,525	W0CFD	760	W3MAA	312	W1ELT/4	52		
W5SM	1,512	W3CU	731	W9FJC	312	W2VMH	52		
W5AIR	1,512	K4BL	720	W4AKAY	308	VE5EN	50		
W2GR	1,485	W8HZA	714	K4RN	308	W4DH	45		

TOTAL LOGS 393

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For the Committee

Ken Sieck
 Ken Sieck-K4NZ
 Chairman

Well, it's all over - and once again, thanks to Gator Chapter for a truly fine job of management of the Party. It was good fun, and maybe next year....

As a reminder, we're looking for one of the Chapters to come forward and volunteer to handle the 20th Annual QSO Party next February.....Contact W5EJ as soon as possible!

We are planning on setting up a Rules Committee to establish the Annual QSO Party Rules. Their duty would be to provide a framework within which the sponsoring chapter would operate to make the rules for each Party. They will see that the year-to-year changes in the rules are held to an orderly pace, and to make certain that multiplier and other scoring features are not too bundlesome.

QSO PARTY RESULTS

19th ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

STANDINGS BY CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOGS	SCORE	CHAPTER	LOGS	SCORE
Southern California	16	140,665	San Diego	7	23,422
Gator	30	106,859	West Virginia	4	23,223
Chicago Area	21	94,143	Baltimore	4	19,920
Washington, D. C.	12	73,621	New England	6	18,996
Metro New York	6	70,107	Pittsburgh	7	17,535
Northern New Jersey	18	64,353	Dayton-Cincinnati	5	15,874
Suncoast	5	57,366	Gulf Coast	5	15,582
Houston	11	49,577	West Branch	3	14,927
Northern Virginia	3	45,782	Colorado	4	13,675
Razorback	10	42,733	Palmetto State	4	12,774
Northwest	18	42,105	Northern California	5	12,409
National Capitol	4	41,764	Upper Midwest	3	11,171
Arizona	4	32,445	Evergreen	11	10,051
Nebraska	6	32,015	Everglades	4	9,299
Central Calif. Coast	4	31,382	Citrus	5	8,440
Delaware Valley	6	30,833	Southern Ontario	5	4,087
Blue Ridge	5	29,473	Canton	3	3,974
Long Island	9	25,504	Mohawk Valley	3	2,881
			Gateway	3	2,513

The above list shows Gator Chapter in Second Place. The initial listing had shown Gator ineligible in Chapter Competition. After some consideration we have decided that it was unfair to eliminate Gator. While it is true that the memorial call W2MM was used, it was equally true that members operating W2MM were not able to use their own calls on the air. The ruling is for this competition only...the sponsoring chapter is eligible!

We have received many letters commenting on the radio calls we published last issue, and offering several call-letter foundations we were unfamiliar with. They will be used in a future issue of the "News." Likewise, a number wrote with the result of their efforts to create phrases using words beginning with the letters Q C W A...In this effort the winner had to be W9CI E. G. Shalkhauser, whose creation left us breathless, and unable to catalog his creation...assonance, symbolism, or blank verse...was it a canto, distich or quatrain? Of this we're certain, considering the constraints on his work, he is a veritable "Homer."

The QSO Party Plaque has been engraved and sent to Gator Chapter. They will arrange for presentation to Clarence Seid, our hard working director. Congratulations go to Clarence who won this year, and will be working harder to keep it next year!

THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER

By W5EJ

September, 1922 - Podhu, probably the most famous wireless station in the world, has sent it's last message. "MBD" it's famous call-sign, for which ship's operators listened eagerly for the last nineteen years, is now replaced with the letters "MFT" the call-sign of Clifden, the new Irish Marconi Company radio station. "MFT" has taken up the duty of talking to the people who go down to the sea in ships, talking of happenings throughout the world in the preceding twenty-four hours.

Perched on the rockbound coast of Cornwall, Podhu has made history. It was the first high-power wireless station to be built and from it the first wireless message was transmitted across the Atlantic with a 2000 meter wavelength on December 12, 1901, to St. Johns, Newfoundland.

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March, 1926 -- The sixth annual second district convention was held, March 8-13, 1926, in the Hotel Pennsylvania, in New York City. Commercial exhibits were held in the Grand Ballroom.... The 16 Clubs belonging to the Executive Radio Council, manned booths featuring all sorts of stunts. Boyd Phelps, 2EB, was in charge of booking the technical speakers and demonstrations to the meeting. Attendance was promised to be no more than 400.. past conventions had been too crowded, but as usual, the Convention was too popular to hold that line. Arthur Batcheller, Supervisor of Radio, gave examinations to many hopeful new amateurs. Code speed tests and ability to copy through QRM was tested, with nice prizes given to the winners. An ERCO initiation was held and a "Night of Mystery" affair that has been kept a mystery to this day, were some of the fun activities.

The Convention was put on by those listed with help from all in the Council: George T. Droste, 2IN, General Manager; Paul C. Oscanyon, Advertising; Frank Frimmerman, 2FZ, Show Manager; Robert Hertzberg, ex-2ABK, Publicity; Robert T. Mossina, 2BQS, Finance; Earl Peacock, 2ADH, Convention; Edward Fink, 2GL, was in charge of the Banquet.

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Worked 100 Certificates - Once annually we will let you know the status of the "100" Certificates. From 1971 to 1975 there were 33 Certificates awarded. Since March, 1975 the count has risen to 152. A certificate will be sent to any QCWA member requesting it, and who provides proof of contacts. The scores in the QSO Parties is considered adequate proof. Certificates for "60" Chapter contacts will be ready soon. A few have made known their wish for that Certificate. How about you?

NOSTALGIA

W5EJ



James F. Abbott, 9EEG...15 watts, CW. Red was a member of the North Shore Radio Club. The QST is dated March 1924. A good picture and we thank Red, WA9DZH for it.



Top Row, L-R; 6AM, 6CLT, 6DGE, 6DIJ, 6KIN, 6CAE, & 6DAJ
Lower Row, L-R; 6CZZ, 6ANN, 6DOE, 6DAG, 6BJL, 6WT and a
BCL. The pix belongs to Lowell G. Croysdale, W5UCY, of
Pascagoula, Mississippi. Date and photographer unknown.

Uda B. Ross - OA4J



QCWA lost one of its Founders and a famous radio pioneer on March 28, 1976, when Uda B. Ross, OA4J/W2UD joined the ranks of Silent Keys at the age of 77.

As W2UD in Brooklyn in 1946, Uda became very active on the 10 meter band on "roundtables" with others in the New York area. In the course of these operations, Uda proposed the idea of an organization of Amateurs licensed 25 or more years. And so QCWA was born. Others in that "round table" were W2FX, W2FD, W2EF, W2DI and W2DX. The rest is now history.

Uda was issued his 60th Anniversary certificate on March 6 and just two weeks before his death he wrote that he was planning to come to the U.S. in late April or early May and hoped to have the certificate presented at Metro Chapter at that time.

Uda was first licensed as 2AGQ in 1914 and then received his call 2UD in February 1917. During WWI, he served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Puerto Rico as chief radio operator.

In 1920, Uda moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. and became a charter member of the Radio Club of Brooklyn. He was one of the first ham stations to use a crystal-controlled transmitter. W2UD was in operation in New York City until 1960 when Uda returned to Lima, Peru and established OA4J. He returned to the U.S. frequently and usually arranged to attend Amateur Radio affairs.

A copy of Uda's 1924 QSL card is shown at the bottom of page 15. "1924 was an interesting year," he wrote. "In fact, it was a pioneer year for we were just coming down from 200 meters and establishing communications with Europeans and 'down under.' I was one of the really early ones to come down to 100 meters and below and I was the first on the East Coast to communicate with Australia (3BQ)."

OA4J was active on the 15 and 20 meter bands up until the last days before his passing. Uda will be missed by his many friends in the U.S. and South America.

(Details supplied by Dave Talley, W2PF)

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys

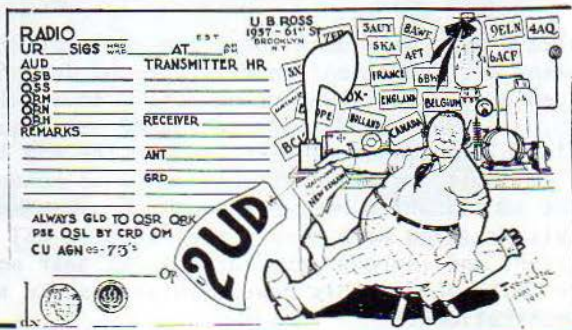
W2AEW	Walter L. Holt	W6GY/K6CRP	Ben McGlashan
W2CNA	F.W. Wolfinger	W6DMQ	Eli E. Peters
WA2DVQ	Charles Rusling	W6JJH	Floyd E. Dillard
K2ER	Col. C.A. Porter	W6MTK	Charles Bethard
W2FG	C. H. Pfeifer	W6NCA	John Kantrowe
W2HLS/W2FNW	Anton Till, Jr.	W6UCD	Francis C. Lyon
W2HRP	Julius Geilenkirchen	W6WZZ	Murray Sanford
W2JGY	James F. Wemmlinger	K7BMT/WA7URG	James Wheeler
W2JWS	Helmuth Kranich	W7IIA	Edwin H. Marvin
K2KS	Col. C.W. Janes	W8BKM	Wilbur Gross
W2MZ	Harvey Wannenmacher	W8NCV	Carl Dettmar
W2QZX	Joseph Prosman	W8UBI	E. E. Sealy
W2WS	John Jeffords	W9CTI	Chester Sakura
K3AO	Al Delacroix	W9MBI	Clare Reynolds
W3GKB	Harold E. Brown		
W4HFR	Elmer Huddleston	VE3IQ	Fred W. Rogers
W4OZW	George Redfern	VE6FK	Don Sutherland
K4QW	Charles Maxson	VE7II	Richard H. Lobb
W4SDR	Clyde Mashburn	OA4J	Uda B. Ross

When reporting Silent Keys, please give the name as well as call so there will be no possibility of confusion.

THE REPORT OF MY DEATH HAS BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED

Francis Kouri, W8CUF has been busy explaining to people that he is NOT a Silent Key - as reported in the March Newsletter.

A check of the records doesn't give any clue to how this happened. Obviously it was an error at Headquarters. All we can say now is that we are terribly sorry and we will try very hard to make sure this kind of an error never happens again.



K3JH - HAM OF THE YEAR

The Annual Ham Of The Year award was presented at the Dayton Hamvention to none other than Joe Hertzberg, K3JH - QCWA member #4726.

Joe began his radio career in 1920 at the age of 13, when he built a crystal receiver to pick up the election returns from KDKA. He obtained his first license in 1923 with the call 8CY1. In 1930 he became 8JE. After some years off during the war, he received his present call K3JH.



Joe has participated in just about all phases of Amateur Radio. He has chased DX, been an active traffic handler - often listed in the BPL. He handled considerable traffic for the Byrd Antarctic Expedition and, got involved in disaster communications when floods hit Western Pennsylvania in the early 30s. He has been an alternate net control for the Hurricane Watch Net for the past eight years and has received a number of Public Service Awards for work he has done on this net including Camille in 1969, Agnes in 1972 and the Managua earthquake in 1972. For his work during Agnes, he received a certificate of Commendation from the Governor of Pennsylvania.

He was among the first Amateurs to win a 5-band DXCC (#21). He has been a member of the FOC CW Club for many years and received plaques in 1970 and 1971 for being the top scorer in North America in their yearly Marathon. He is a member of the A-1 Operator Club and has been cited in QST as "Operator Of The Month."

Joe has always been an ardent "home brewer," building much of his equipment and experimenting with antenna design. In 1966 he erected a 115' self-supporting rotary tower with beams on HF and VHF. In 1969 he put a 2-element 80 meter quad on the rotary tower! This antenna was described in the May 1970 QST. This antenna is still operating and has survived numerous wind and sleet storms which brought down many other antennas. A number of his articles have been published in QST describing modifications and improvements for Collins gear and several new ideas for CW break-in. His newest interests are satellite and RTTY communications.

AKRON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Rex Brown, W8LUT
647 E. Buchtel Avenue; Akron, OH 44304
Next Meeting: July 22

At the April 15th dinner-meeting, the Akron, Ohio Chapter celebrated its 8th Anniversary as a QCWA Chapter. There were 44 in attendance. See photo.



W8WXU presents BOOPERS

Photo by W8KJZ

The program of entertainment for the evening consisted of BOOPERS made by various broadcast announcers and presented by Howard Spiller, W8WXU, who is also chief engineer of WKNT in Kent, Ohio. Many thanks, Howard, the program was enjoyed by all.

Welcome aboard to our newest member, Elmer W. Saxe, W8DVK. Elmer is also the recipient of the Golden Anniversary Certificate. Congratulations, Elmer. We're glad to have you aboard. Enjoy your stay in Florida

The group voted unanimously to hold the July 22 and October 28 dinner-meetings at Young's Restaurant in Akron.

Rex Brown, W8LUT

ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ben Laurents, W5JAH
1812 Cambridge Street; Bossier City, LA 71010
Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 20, Sambo's Restaurant Bossier City

The regular quarterly meeting of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter was held on April 20th at Sambo's Restaurant in Bossier City, LA. Attending were: W5RQH, W5KX, WB5GLN, W5LQ, W5PNB, W5BZR, W5AJS, W5MOT, W5CJ, W5TJW, W50TC, W5AXA, W5AJS and W5CEW.

Feature of the meeting was a discussion of possible future activities in support of the local VA Amateur Radio station WB5LEJ, located at the local Veteran's Administration hospital. Leading the discussion and giving information regarding the station was Dr. Wilbert Lawrence, WB5GKT, Chief of Nuclear Medicine at the hospital. Dr. Lawrence is in charge of the equipment located there. Trustee in charge of the station is our Secretary, W5JAH.

The equipment includes complete setups to work 10 through 80, plus touch-tone 2 meter, phone patch equipment, etc., and 1 KW of linear for the 10-80 frequencies. The directors of the chapter are contacting all members to see who can operate the equipment and when. The daily V.A. Hospital net is on 14,287 Monday through Friday. The club is also considering operation of the station on Saturday mornings for the benefit of hospital patients, using the area 80 meter net with phone patches (right from the patient's bedside if necessary) to their area families.

The project is most interesting and challenging. Chapter President, W5RQH, would like to hear from any other chapters interested in expanding this work. Dr. Lawrence advises us that over 40 V.A. Hospitals have Amateur Radio equipment available

Irv Wolfe, W5RQH

QCWA Nets

If you aren't checking into the QCWA International Nets, you are missing a lot of fine fellowship.

A very fine SSB net is conducted every Sunday at 2100 UTC on 14,345 kHz. W6FQ is Western Net Control, W2SF is Eastern NCS. W2AIM serves as Alternate. The net usually runs about two hours and they have been having around 50 check-ins.

The CW net operates on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on 7035 kHz. At 9:00 p.m. it shifts to 3750 kHz. W2JBL is NCS with W9CV and W9RC acting as Alternates.

SSB	Sundays	2100 UTC - 14,345 kHz
CW	Wednesdays	8:00 p.m. Eastern - 7035 kHz
		9:00 p.m. Eastern - 3750 kHz

AUSTIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact W. E. Peterson, W50Y
9402 Arch Hill Circle, Austin, TX 78759

The Spring meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on April 3. Thirty-five members and guests attended.

New officers were elected as follows:

President: Gene Mallard, W5OMP
Vice Pres: Dave Harrell, W5CVQ
Director: Eugene Bartholomew, W5GQ
Director: Bill Swearingen, W5UJ

Previously elected officers include

Sec/Treas: Earl Peterson, W50Y
Director: Bill Campbell, W5GPQ
Director: Roy Miller, W5FOZ



Front Row, L-R: Pres. W5OMP, Director W5GPQ, Sec/Treas W50Y
Director W5FOZ.

Back Row: V.P. W5CVQ, Director W5UJ, Director W5GQ.

Photo by W5OMP

We now have a Chapter Chaplain, Father Henry Gottschalk, W5MB.

The program included a discussion of the QCWA National Convention at Houston, Texas, October 8-10. There was also discussion of establishing a local 2 Meter QCWA net and a showing of some very "old-time" movies from the collection of W5OMP. Three new members were welcomed into the Chapter - W5HBM, W5MB, and W5RJA.

W. E. Peterson, W50Y

PUBLICITY

WORLD RADIO NEWS has been running a regular column for QCWA for the past few months and we are getting very good response. If you aren't familiar with this fine publication, write for a sample copy. The Worldradio News, 2120 28th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Mention that you are a member of QCWA.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Lucky" Brown, K7NTG
9301 E. Magdalena Street; Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone 298-6892

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

Those who were unable to attend the ARRL Southwest Division Convention in Tucson, April 9, 10, 11, missed the Amateur Radio event of the year! There were 1000 plus attendees with their families and guests. 175 QCWAers signed in at the QCWA booth and 117 of them, with their families and guests, attended the QCWA breakfast buffet sponsored by the Arizona Chapter on Sunday.

The Arizona Chapter operated the QCWA booth from Noon Friday through Noon Sunday. The "star attraction" of the booth was the Spark-Gap station designed and built by Bob Holly, W6DRV, who came over from Tarzana, CA with the station to help us out. It was really something else to see the eyes of some of the old-timers light up when they saw the station and then eaves dropped on some of the tales they related in reference to their activities and experiences with the same type of gear. (I imagine the FCC might have been interested, also! Hi.) The members of the Arizona Chapter congratulate you, Bob, and express their sincere appreciation for your outstanding assistance.

National Headquarters provided a complete package of "propaganda" material which received quite a bit of attention. Six new members were signed up and about 25 membership application blanks disappeared. There were visitors at the booth the full time it was open and it served as a focal point for the old-timers attending the convention.

A chapter business meeting was held on Saturday, 10 April. However, all business was shelved in favor of listening to a fantastic and superbly presented discussion by Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, on the planning and subsequent 4-day underwater voyage in the Arctic of the first Nautilus expedition in 1931. A film clip of the voyage of the nuclear-powered name-sake and its underwater voyage to the pole was also included. Orchids and sincere thanks to you, Ray, for a splendid and most enjoyable 2 hours.

Ray also presented 50-year award certificates to W7BXR, Ray Webster; W7FQV, Col. Carl Hatch; WA7YVQ, Roy Miller; and a 52-year award to W6BUK, Graham Maconomy.

If any Arizona Chapter member has not been receiving the Chapter's Newsletters (3 have been published this year), it could be that you have not paid your dues for 1976.

Lucky Brown, K7NTG

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ernie Savage, VE7FB
4553 West 12th Avenue; Vancouver, B.C. V6R 2R4

The British Columbia Chapter of QCWA is now a reality. Our Charter has been received and Articles of Association and By-laws have been drafted and mailed to all members on the Charter Roster. We plan to have a joint meeting and dinner party at our inaugural meeting on 18 June and expect about sixty-six members to attend. We also want to have the girls join with us.

Organizational officers are:

President: W. T. "Bill" Davis, VE7ACJ

Secretary: Ernie Savage, VE7FB

Response to this new chapter has outshone all expectations. You will be hearing much more from British Columbia Chapter.

Ernie Savage, VE7FB

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact John McLane, K4FTB
1040 Carousel Lane; Hendersonville, N.C. 28739
Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon
Ramada Inn, Hendersonville, N.C.
Executive Committee and Roundtable: 4th Wednesday of each month
Clifton's Cafeteria, Hendersonville, N.C. 12:00 Noon.

At our February meeting, Mr. O.M. York gave us transplanted Northerners an unusual look at the early history of this area.

In March we enjoyed a joint meeting with the Palmetto Chapter at Greenville, S.C. This was an excellent chance to meet our neighbors in person and exchange reminiscences and plans for the future. It has been suggested that, due to the length of our state (over 500 miles from East to West) we should try to have at least two and possibly three chapters. "Val" Valentine, K4JO will discuss the matter with members in the Central and Eastern areas of the state.

Our April meeting featured our own members giving some little-known details of their early operating days. In May, we will have a discussion, "Gems of Western North Carolina" by Charles Jones, WB4LDP. Charles operates The Rock Shop in Waynesville.

John McLane, K4FTB

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Charlie Bethard, W6MTK
1238 6th Street; Los Osos, CA 93402

On-the-air: Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3917 kHz

We had an election of officers here for the Central California Coast Chapter:

Chairman: Philip W. Amborn, W6PA
V. Chair: Morton S. Brewer, W6JU
Sec/Treas: Charles T. Bethard, W6MTK
Historian: D.H. Stovall, W6ECY

Our Spring luncheon meeting was held at Ricks Cafe in Santa Maria. Forty-seven persons attended, including several members and their guests from the SoCal Chapter. We were very pleased to have all three of our YL members present: Mary Peffly, W6TCN; Bea Ellis, W6JXU; and Harriet Amborn, W6DOY. Our after dinner speaker was a representative from PG&E who gave us his side of the Nuclear Power Plant controversy in our area.

Many of our members travelled to Tucson, Arizona to attend the Southwest Division ARRL Convention. Lucky winner of the Atlas 210 was our own Vice, Mort Brewer, W6JU.



We are very sad to report a Silent Key, Ed, Hyskell, W6FNK, of Santa Maria. Our deepest sympathies go to his YF, Ruth. Ed was a charter member of our chapter and attended all of the meetings. We shall miss him very much.

Harriet Amborn, W6DOY

DX MEMBERS

Foreign membership in QCWA has been increasing dramatically. Here is a list of some of the new stations to listen for.

C6ANR, DL6EB, DL6VP, DL7AR, G5AYR, I4AIJ, VP2LAW
VK2BC, VK2CAS, VK2HHK, VK2XA, VK6MK, 4x4CW.

We now have 12 members in Germany and efforts are under way to start a DL Chapter. At the present time, Sydney Chapter is our only foreign chapter and we have 44 members in Australia. VE stations are not "foreigners" in our language (and do not have to pay the additional fee for "foreign postage.") We have over 200 Canadian members, with the brand new British Columbia Chapter bringing in 18 new members in the past few weeks.

CALOOSA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Leo Haijsman, W4KA
1044 S.E. 43rd Street; Cape Coral, FL 33904
Meetings: The last Wednesday in the month, 12:00 Noon
Sweden House, Fort Myers

The Caloosa Chapter of Ft. Myers has elected a new slate of officers to guide them through the 1976 Bicentennial year.

President: Walter Gustavson, K4JGP

Vice Pres: Mac Mc Dormand, W4LRB

Sec/Treas: Leo Haijsman, W4KA



Sec/Treas. W4KA, Pres. K4JGP, VP W4LRB

The Chapter now boasts a membership of 55 members and is a very live chapter - especially during the Winter months with all the "Snow Birds." At the January meeting we had nine Golden Anniversary members present:



L-R: Ernie Jerome, WB4CJB; Kenneth Allfrey, WB4ZBK; Roland Fennimore, WB4JAI; Carl Snyder, WA4EMW; John Chidester, WB4PYN; Graham Peacock, VE3SI; Leo Haijsman, W4KA, Kenneth Hardman, W2DV; Vernon Busch, W4ZRL

CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jules Wenglare, W6YO
1416 7th Avenue; Delano, CA 93215

The newest member of the QCWA Family is Central Valley Chapter of Delano, California.

Central Valley Chapter became Chapter #94 when its charter was issued on 20 May, 1976. The chapter will be tied in with the Central Valley Amateur Radio Club and will have a note in their monthly bulletin. It is planned to hold four chapter meetings a year - two near the Visalia area and two near the Bakersfield area.

Dick Kemp, W6OV

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Max G. Bauer, W8ALI
6805 Mayfield Road, Atp 916; Mayfield Hgts, OH

The Cleveland Chapter held its annual Spring Banquet May 8. Attendance was a bit over 50 people. The family style chicken dinner, with the much enjoyed "corn fritters" was savored by all. Our members all say they eat too much, but it's soooo goood.

We presented the Golden Anniversary certificate to Walt Ermer, W8AEU. Fellow 50 yearer and a past President of our chapter, Werner Sauber, W8KC, made the presentation. Walt gave us a short talk on his ham radio history and his more recent activities into cancer research and other medical research. He also is now studying Mental Telepathy and has found it to be a most interesting subject. Walt showed us his "Edison Award" trophy which he won in 1959. It is a beautiful statuette, all gold!

Eunice Bernon, K8ONA, a guest, and the local ARRL publicity representative gave a presentation about her interest in the proposed "bicentennial greetings" via ham radio from various governmental executives to President Ford. Chicago Chapter has been working very hard on promoting this activity.

Chicago Chapter officers are:

President: Paul M. Cornell, W8EFW
Vice Pres: George H. Lister, W8NV
Sec/Treas: Max G. Bauer.

Paul M. Cornell, W8EFW

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harry Eckland, WØSKX
945 Kingston Street; Wheaton, IL 60187

Next Meetings:

- July - Sunday, July 18, Noon
Champagne Brunch at Edmunds
6250 95th Oak Lawn (Just East of Tri-State
Toll Road at Ridgeland)
YFs especially invited for nice outing
- Sept. - Saturday, September 18, 11:00 a.m.
RADIO EXPO '76 Illinois/Wisconsin Brunch.
A YF/YL must. Stu Meyer, W2GHK of Washington, D.C.
will do his famous old timers radio show.
Greet the ham boss of the FCC who will break
bread with us.
- Oct. - Tuesday, October 19. Regular Business Meeting
of the year at Josef's Restaurant, Hillside at
4239 W. Harrison Street.
Program: The Saga of Telegraphy, thru the
sinking of the Titanic up to chess by CW,
plus a forward look into 1977 and the
January meeting.

Here is a picture of some of our active members. L-R:
Ero Erickson, W9HPJ; Bill Toner, W9MKL; Prof. Shalkhauser, W9CI



(Chicago Area Chapter is now boasting a fine Chapter Newsletter,
edited by Lee Knirko, W9MOL. "QCC News" promises to be an
outstanding local newsletter. Ed note. K4LMB)

Ero Erickson, W9HPJ

CITRUS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jack Six, W4YPA
1081 Cobblestone Avenue; Deltona, FL 32763

The Citrus Chapter held its April meeting at the Winter House at Daytona Beach. Forty-two members were present - a smaller attendance than usual at this venue due to the coincidence with the Easter weekend.

Officers for the 1976-1977 season were elected as follows:

Chairman: Bill Symons, K4IH
Vice Chair: Bill Holdich, K4GJ
Sec/Treas: Jack Six, W4YPA
Rec. Sec: Bill Waldo, W4PI

The chapter was proud to present a special QCWA "Meritorious Award" certificate to Bill Waldo, W4PI, in view of his long and diligent service in support of the various QCWA nets and his instigation of the formation of the Citrus Chapter, from which several other Florida Chapters have now "spun off."

We were also delighted to present Sixty Year Awards to Bill Holdich, K4GJ and to C. H. Summers, W4AR. Fifty year awards were presented to Ralph Jordan, K4MY, and Capt. Charles Allen, K4AXB, and Ivan Loucks, W3GD/W4GD.

The Chapter discussed at length the proposed restructuring of the QCWA. On a motion by W4YPA, seconded by W4TVZ, it was voted unanimously to recommend to the Restructuring Committee that the structure and organization (including the present number of Directors) should be left exactly as at present. No need is seen for any changes at all.

Keith Street, K3DKS/W4

SORC Communications

Dave Davis, W4GQ of Gator Chapter has been conducting communications for the SORC ocean sailboat races from St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres, Yucatan. Dave has been involved in the communications for this event for the past five years. His Mexican counterpart has been Major Alfredo Dutton, XE3DE of Merida.

These communications require daily schedules from about two weeks before the start of the race, and running through the final arrival of the participating yachts. Depending on the wind and weather, the races take from 3 to 6 days. Other Amateurs participating this year were K4FCW, WA4FYR, WA4DUT and K4NB.

DALLAS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ
2812 Pritchett; Irving, TX 75061
Phone 253-1683

Meetings: First Saturday of each month, 12:30 p.m. Wyatt's
On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 7:30 on 3935kHz
146.55 MHz simplex any time.

The Dallas Chapter has 78 active members at the present time, with quite a few more in the area on the inactive list. We have had contacts lately with several 25 year Amateurs who are in the process of joining QCWA and will be in the local chapter within a short time.

At the Texoma Hamarama last October two things occurred of note which were left out of the last news from this chapter. A splendid memorial plaque in bronze, depicting Chuck, W5NT, was presented to his wife during the banquet. This plaque will become a part of the Ham Museum when it becomes a reality. The second thing was the rip-off of the Chapter banner from its place with others on the balcony rail in the lobby of the motel. We are now in the process of gathering money to replace it. Seems such a shame that anyone would stoop so low.

January 3rd was a big meeting date when members of the Tyler and Ft. Worth Chapters came and joined us at our regular meeting. Sure was nice to see so many old friends.

An annual event is the joint meeting in the Tyler Rose Garden where members of the Tyler, Dallas, and Houston Chapters join to renew old acquaintances. Other chapter members are, of course, welcome. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a Pot Luck lunch at Noon. Pot Luck means bring your picnic lunch and share it with everyone else.

Even in this climate, there are some who go South for the Winter. W5HT and W5LR spent the Winter in the valley. Some of the Northerners would question the need for this, but it is done.

Our meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Wyatt's Cafeteria on Mockingbird Lane at Abrams Road. All are welcome to join us. You will find the Dallas Chapter on the air at 0730 a.m. local time each Sunday morning on 3935 kHz for check-ins on the Earlybird net with W5KNY presiding. Henry is president of the Dallas Chapter.

We are all looking forward to seeing old acquaintances at the National Convention in Houston next October. We hope you will be there.

Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ

DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Carl Yeager, W8DWT
2620 Hazelwood Avenue; Dayton, OH 45409
On-the-air: Every Sunday at 1 p.m. on 3986 kHz

The Dayton/Cincinnati Chapter sponsored an Anniversary Banquet at the Stratford House/Ramada Inn in Dayton on April 23. There were 148 persons in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies, John Willig, W8ACE, spoke on the "First Dayton Hamvention."

A 60 Year certificate was presented to Tom McCann, K8CM, and Golden Anniversary certificates were presented to L. Morse Weimer, W8EY; Larry Gladville, K8UBK; and Joseph Whiting, W8ACT. K3JH, Joseph Hertzberg and his wife Sarah were at the dinner. Joe, a member of QCWA, was the recipient of the "Ham of the Year" award at the Dayton Hamvention.

National Executive Secretary Ethel Smith, K4LMB, brought us up to date on QCWA activities. QCWA Director Art Miligan, W8KW, had a short discussion on the current topic of proposals made on the number of QCWA Directors to represent the organization nationally. The feature presentation was a tape recording on "Sounds of the Past" narrated by Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, from Eastman Kodak Company.

There were 140 QCWA members that checked in at the booth at the Dayton Hamvention.

At the Winter Dinner Meeting held March 4, Don Alexander, W8LK, was presented a 56 year gold sticker for his Golden Anniversary certificate. A presentation was made by John Erhart, W8SCM, on "Worldwide Communications by Amateur Satellite." A group photograph was taken of members attending the meeting and a display was made of all our previous QCWA Chapter group photographs, starting with the first one made of the Dayton Chapter in 1957.

Officers of the Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter are shown below.



Sec/Treas W8DWT; Chairman W8DSR; Vice Chairman W8TYL

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary A.G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX
318 Gardner Avenue; Trenton, NJ 08618

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 5 - Buck Hotel in Feasterville, PA.

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. on 3917 kHz

The Summer Meeting is here again and will be held on Saturday, June 5, at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, PA. We are going to have another interesting speaker who, I am sure, the Ladies will enjoy - a talk on Safety Driving by State Police Sgt. Arena.

At the Spring Meeting, Neil P. Shanahan of the FBI gave a very interesting talk on the law dealing with criminals. There were many questions from the floor.

We have been adding a number of new members to the roster. We welcome John Williamson, W3GC; Robert Scully, W2FXN, C. J. Gspann, W2ZEE; John Lindon, W2EJA, and Richard Bechtel, W3CBF.

This is the part I don't like to write about - our Silent Keys. We have lost another former Chapter Chairman, Walt Holt, W2AEW. Walt passed away on January 21. One of our Life Members, Col. Charles Porter, K2ER, died of a heart attack in Florida on April 8. They will be missed by their many friends.

There has been quite a bit of activity on the NESCON Net (Sundays at 12:15 p.m. on 3917 kHz) regarding the restructuring of the Constitution for the National Association. We hope to have more information at the June meeting on the Restructuring Committee plans.

At our March meeting, a 60th Anniversary Award was presented to Ed Raser, W2ZI, and to John Mooney, Jr., W3OM. Golden Anniversary Awards have been given to George Hautenchild, W3KD; Edward Coxey, W2AFD; Ty Bean, W3DJD. If there are any eligibles we have missed, let us know at the next meeting. Also, we now have two year decals to attach to your Golden Anniversary Awards as appropriate.

Don't forget the ARRL Atlantic Division Convention which is being held in Philadelphia on July 23-25 at the Ben Franklin Hotel. We hope many of the Chapter's members plan to attend.

You'll soon be receiving notice of the QCWA and Mt. Airy Radio Clubs picnic. And don't forget to mark down the Fall meeting of Delaware Valley Chapter at the Buck Hotel on September 11.

A.G. "BB" Wentzel, Jr, W2HX

DETROIT METRO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Dick McNutt, W8CAT
442 Beverly Island Drive; Pontiac, MI 48054

The Detroit Metro Chapter held a meeting at WXYZ-TV studios on March 31 and had a nice group. Michael Furnari, an Electronic Instructor from the Electronic Communications Schools, provided three of his students to give a symposium covering Digital Electronics. Interest was high and, I am sure, enlightend some of us "old goats" to some of the new things of today.

The February meeting featured an interesting talk on "Pole Pig Transformers" by Ken Stecker, W8SS. With the use of slides and cassettes, Ken came up with an interesting talk. Attendance was low due to snow that was piled five foot high, but a number of our regulars showed up anyway. A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Ash Medici, W8LQ.

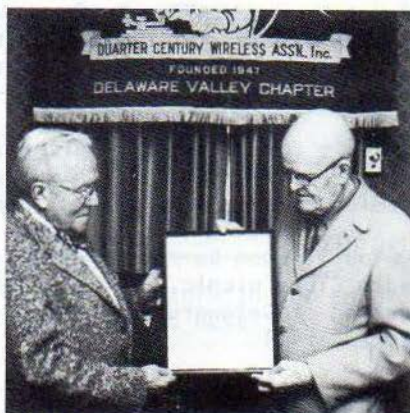


Chapter President W8LZV presents Golden Anniversary Award to Ash Medici, W8LQ

Dick McNutt, W8CAT



DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER
Presented 50-Year Certificates
to W3DJD, W3KD, W2AFD (above).
60th Anniversary Certificate
to Ed Razer, W2Z1 (right)



EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Robert Embry, W4HHQ
1704 Highland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918
On-the-air: Sundays 5:00 p.m. 3917 kHz (Except June, July, Aug.)

The Spring meeting was held at the Green Valley Restaurant, Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on May 1. There were 37 members present, not including many of the wives. Total present was 55. We now have 51 members on the roll.

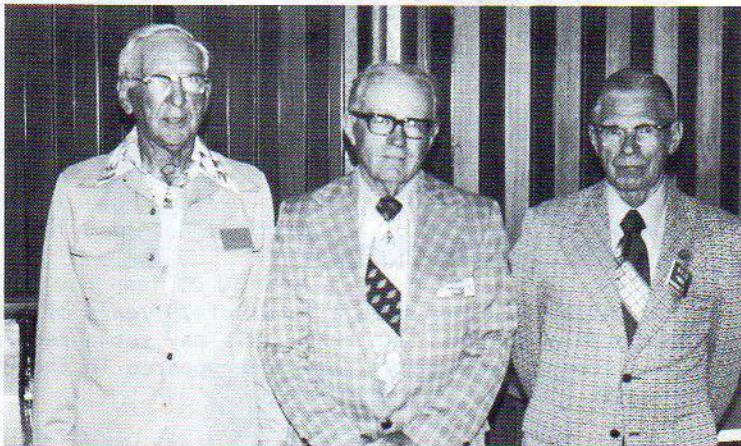
We want to welcome new members: Haven Hood, W4RRS; Harry May, W4MZZ; and Billy Cobb, W4KUW.

Our Secretary, Ward Buhrman, W4QT, has resigned, so it was necessary to select some new officers. These are as follows:

Chairman: Forest Pilgrim, W4JD

Vice Chair: Phil Ewald, W4EWR

Sec/Treas: Robert Embry, W4HHQ



Sec/Treas. W4HHQ; Vice Chairman W4EWR; Chairman W4JD

Herrick Brown, W4ZZ, who operated the Mt. LeConte lodge at Gatlinburg, TN for a number of years, gave us a short talk on the trials and tribulations of operating high frequency radio atop a 6500 foot mountain.

There will be an informal meeting at Crossville, TN on Saturday, July 24, in conjunction with the Crossville Hamfest. The next luncheon meeting will be held on November 6 in or around Knoxville. We would like to invite any old timers around this area to attend any of the meetings.

Bob Embry, W4HHQ

EL PASO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Milly Wise, W5OVH
8516 Mt. Scott; El Paso, TX 79904

Meetings: Third Saturday of each month, 1:00 p.m. MT
Furrs Cafeteria, Sunrise Shopping Center

On-the-air: Saturday mornings, 8:30 a.m. MT - 3942 kHz

El Paso Area Chapter accepted a new member at their February meeting: Lowell Richardson, W5UBW, of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Lowell's membership was made unique by the fact that his membership certificate and QCWA pin were presented to him by his father Otto H. "Rich" Richardson, W5IGU, who is a charter member and one of the directors of the El Paso Area Chapter. "Rich" is also a holder of the Golden Anniversary Certificate of 54 years in Amateur Radio.



Lowell and "Rich" together have a total of 79 years of ham radio and membership to ARRL. We think this may set a record. (Ed note: The story about the Richardsons appeared in the QCWA column in the May issue of Worldradio News.)

Milly Wise, W5OVH

CHICAGO RADIO EXPO QCWA BRUNCH

The Chicago and Wisconsin Chapters will again host a brunch at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18 at the Mundelein Holiday Inn. This location is 10 minutes from Radio Expo at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois - half way between Chicago and Milwaukee. Plan now for a post Labor Day trip to the Chicago area.

We have sold quite a number of the rubber stamps with QCWA Logo and they have been put to good use on stationery, QSL cards, return addresses, etc. More of the stamps are available from Headquarters at the cost price of \$3.50.



EVERGREEN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ
E. 2927 15th Avenue; Spokane, WA 99203

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0830 PDT on 3985 kHz - NCS W7FL
Second Tuesday at Noon on 22/82. NCS W7JJY.

The members who participated in the QCWA QSO Party reported enjoying the contest very much and hope for a better turn-out next year.

The Spokane Amateur Radio Clubs will have their second annual Hamfest at Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, in July. The Evergreen Chapter will have a booth this year and will display some radio equipment of days gone by. A breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m July 18 at the Hamfest site for all QCWA members and friends.

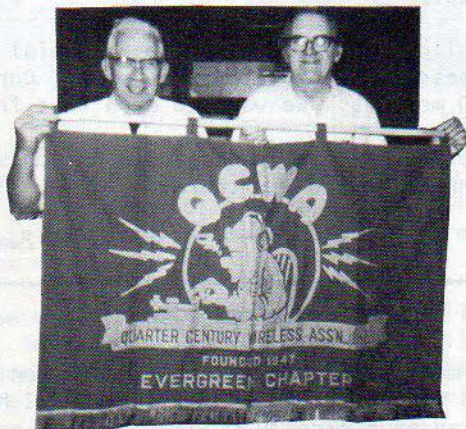
The Northwest Tri-State Amateur Radio Organization will have its annual picnic at Laird Park, near Potlatch, Idaho, on July 11. All QCWA members are invited.

We regret to announce a Silent Key. James R. Wheeler, K7BMT, of Hamilton, Montana, died April 21, 1976

Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, the ARRL SCM for Washington State met with several QCWA members in Spokane on May 8. She presented plans for the combined conventions next year of the QCWA, ARRL Northwest Division and DX Clubs to be held in Seattle.

When you hear CQ DX (SEA-Q-DX) think, "Seattle in 1977."

Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ



Evergreen Chapter receives its banner

Left - W7IDZ

Right - W7NDZ

FLORALA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jim Heller, W4UL
817 Floridatown Road; Vilton, FL 32571
Next Meeting in Pensacola in conjunction with the FIVE FLAGS HAMFEST
On-the-air: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Central time - 3950 kHz

The Sixth Annual Swapfest in Ft. Walton Beach, FL was the scene of a FLORALA Chapter luncheon on 8 May with 17 members and guests. On May 9 we had our first annual chapter meeting since being chartered. In one year we have doubled our membership from 13 to 25 members! Our first 50 year award was presented to W4UL. The sad event of the year was the passing of Jack Stuart, W4SG, who became a Silent Key.

Officers elected for the coming year were:

President: Clarence Quinlan, W4LRC
Vice Pres: Frank Butler, W4RKH
Treasurer: Eleree Atkinson, W4AGB
Secretary:

Additional officers are: NCS - W4OCG; Chaplain - W4MMW;
Historian - W4UCF; Fla.Area Coordinator - W4WKQ

We used a new sign at our QCWA booth at the Swapfest:

IF YOU HELD A HAM TICKET
25 OR MORE YEARS AGO
YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE
QCWA

This was helpful in minimizing inquiries by the youngsters and maximizing interest in the oldsters passing the booth. Maybe other chapters could do this at hamfests, radio club meetings, conventions, etc.

About 30 applications were given to potential eligible members. Of these, six completed the forms. Our goal for the next year is 50 members. We want to earn that free banner.

The next meeting will be in Pensacola in conjunction with the "FIVE FLAGS HAMFEST." See you there.

John Zwaska, W4WKQ

HAM FELLOWSHIP

We received many nice comments on the poem on Ham Fellowship (Page 31, March News) & John Showalter, WNØMYZ had a number of copies reproduced on a nice 10 x 14 parchment so they might be made available to anyone upon request. Our thanks to John. If anyone would like a copy, drop a note to Headquarters.

GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Dave" Davis, W4GQ
6971 Grand Vista Wa, S.; St. Petersburg 33707
Meetings: First Saturday of each month - October through May
(No meetings during the Summer.)
On-the-air: Every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. on 3920 kHz

HAIL AND FAREWELL! I find no better way to begin the last column until the Fall season. Our next meeting will be on 2 October at Chief Charlies.

I completed tabulating the scores on the QSO Party the end of March and delivered them to the committee chairman, K4NE. While not permitted to reveal scores at this time, I can tell you that Gator Chapter turned in the greatest number of logs, although we were topped in total chapter points by two other chapters, with W2MM/4 score not counted. Incidentally, W2MM/4 was very, very close to the top in individual log points, out of a total of 393 logs. I believe this party broke all records, and you fellows, and particularly Lew and the members of his committee deserve an abrazo apretado. Lew is preparing a very nice QSL card for W2MM/4 to be sent to those stations who included their QSL card with their logs. A quick check indicates that a total of 10 Florida chapters submitted logs in the QSO Party. Do I hear a second to my motion to transfer National Headquarters to Florida?

To those of you who have not heard, I'm sure you will be saddened by the news of the death of Frank Bolen, K4FQV, on January 29.

At the March meeting in Clearwater, Vern Parks, K4IG0 was presented with a Golden Anniversary Certificate. See photo below.



Golden Anniversary Award
Presented by K4OQ to K4IG0
Photos by W4DLL

QCWA Director J. R. "Bob" David addressed the Chapter, reviewing some of the QCWA achievements during the past 10 years.



GULF COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Clarence G. Ornduff, W5RZP
317 Fayard Place, Biloxi, MS 39530

Meetings: First Friday of each month, 1900 hours

On-the-air: 2nd and 4th Mondays following the Gulf Coast
Sideband Net on 3925 kHz

Please note the above changes in meetings.

The Gulf Coast Chapter met at Popp's Ferry restaurant for its monthly dinner meeting. President Thomas Braidwood, W5BW, was presented the 60th Anniversary certificate with the 62 year decal.

The Secretary now has decals to be placed in the corners of the Golden Anniversary and 60th Anniversary certificates for each two years completed after 50 years. Make your request.

Beginning with the April dinner meeting, the Chapter will meet in different localities to make it easier for some to attend who otherwise might not, due to distance.

"Duffy" Ornduff, W5RZP

The Newsletters are now being sent "Forwarding Postage Guaranteed." Please advise us well in advance, if possible, of any change of address. If you are going to be away from home even for a brief vacation, arrange with the post office to hold your News. Especially consider the quarterly mailing dates: June September, December and March. Here is a form for your convenience.

QCWA Headquarters
2012 Rockingham Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

Please note the following change of address effective _____.

New address will be _____

☐ This is a permanent change. ☐ I will be getting a change of call sign soon.

☐ This is a temporary change until _____

The old address was _____ Zip _____

☐ I do not expect to return. ☐ I will return to the exact same address next _____

Signed _____ Name _____ Call _____ QCWA # _____

HOUSTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary C.B. Scott, W5GPD
5475 Darnell; Houston, TX 77096

Meetings: 4th Saturday at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Sharpstown

On-the-air: Thursday nights on 3876 kHz - 8:00 p.m. local

Special on-the-air: 146.55

Most of the activity in the Houston Chapter has been on the setting up of the National QCWA Convention. Plans are well under way, letters are being written, meetings held, details are being worked out, pre-registrations are starting to come in. The Rodeo bit is particularly attractive to our non-W5 QCWAers.

The convention will be kicked off with a Friday night celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the HOUSTON Chapter. Many people were involved in the early days, however, it appears from the chapter records that Ted Heyck, W5HZ (now a Silent Key) and Hal Sears, W5NC, were the founders. Since then, Lyman Edwards, W5FJ; Jerry Sears, W5AIR; William E. Peterson, W5OY; and Otho Lyndsey, W5FR, have had a turn at the helm. Separate and distinct history was made during each of the president's turn at the helm. This we are going to cover at our celebration on October 8. A Multimedia presentation is being prepared. Don't be too surprised if you find yourself on the screen.

Saturday, the National business meeting will be held and will be conducted by our National officers and directors. The gals will get a chance to go shopping at Galleria, a nationally famous group of stores. A tour of NASA during the early afternoon is in store. A special tour of the Astrodome, by one of its designers, is also being prepared for those that are interested in the finer details of engineering.

All heck breaks loose Saturday night...the Rodeo...Round and Square dancing and a calf scramble...featuring a special team of our Old Timers competing with the Texas Aggies (Engineer types) to see who can put a Bra on a calf first. Plenty of refreshments will be available at the Rodeo and on the bus thereto.

Sunday, after worship, there will be a big QCWA breakfast. There will be a flea market and exhibitors (if we can entice them). An Auction at 11:00 a.m. or so and just before then the prize drawing. There is so much to be on the program that we haven't fully decided what to list. How can you miss?

Our meetings continue to be a great source of pleasure for one and all. We will be looking for you there next month.

Monty Montemayor, W5YZ

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Andrew Bartiluci, W2NKC
115 Roosevelt Street; Garden City, NY 11530
On-the-air: Sunday 11:30 a.m. 3917 kHz - W2SF NCS

Our speaker at the February meeting proved to be a real treat. Dick Knadle, K2RIW, gave a vivid slide presentation of some recent Amateur efforts in the world below (above?) two meters. Dick drew upon several of his own projects as well as those of other Amateurs to show that innovation and resourcefulness among hams is far from a lost art. He showed a series of components spanning the range from 144 MHz to 2300 MHz which for the most part required nothing more than common hand tools to fabricate.

The idea of "nonsmoking" tables at the last meeting proved popular and it has been agreed to make "nonsmokers' tables" available at future meetings for those desiring them.

Several letters and memos from Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, and Dave Talley, W2PF, relative to the proposed QCWA restructuring have been turned over to the Secretary. Time will be set aside at the next meeting to discuss proposed changes. Anthony Squitieri, K2KG, has agreed to chair the Technical Committee. Karl Johnson, K2KM, and Frank Fix, K2AW, have agreed to co-chair the Field Day Committee.

Art DeVinney, W2RRY



Front Row: OA4J, W2FZ, W2PF

Back Row; W2AYI, W2AIM - April 16, 1975

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary David W. Winter, W2AUF
8426 87th Street; Woodhaven, NY 11421

The May meeting of Metropolitan Chapter was held at Luchow's Restaurant in New York City. Distinguished guests at the head table included Frank Gunther, W2ALS, President of the QCWA National Association; Henry Paulisen, W2AQ, Engineer-in-charge FCC NY office; Fred Link, President of Radio Club of America; Roy Andres, V.P. Planning of Western Union and speaker for the meeting.

Mr. Andres gave a two part talk with slides of the installation of the transportable satellite earth station in Peking, China, which he was instrumental in designing for international communications. He also discussed the theory and practice of acupuncture, which he observed during his travels in China. It was a most interesting talk, enjoyed by all present.

At the March meeting, Cmdr E. Jay Quinby gave a very interesting talk on his book "Ida Was A Tramp," explaining his experience at sea as a wireless operator. His talk was climaxed by a sound movie showing the operations of the Mississippi paddle wheel steamboat, Delta Queen, in which he has an interest.

Also introduced was Charlie Kahn, K2GZ, 85 years old, who was a ham in 1909 and a Marconi wireless operator in 1912. Charlie wore his Marconi operator's cap. See photo below.



W2AUF; Marconi operator K2GZ; W2AIM

Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, V.P. of QCWA, presented a Golden Anniversary Award to Clayton Seneff, WIHJJ. Clayton responded with a short history of his early activities and his later association with Allen Bradley.

Dave Winter, W2AUF

MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hugh Siegel, K2CP

Rt 3, Boonville, NY 13309

Next Meeting: November 6. Time and place to be announced.

The 1976 Spring dinner meeting was held on 1 May at the "Ham That Am Ham" Restaurant in Chittenango, NY. There were 51 people present despite the rainy weather.

The Golden Anniversary Certificate was presented to Frank North, W2DNE, by Chairman Don Farrell, W2GA. Frank was first licensed as 8DNE in 1925.

Our speaker was member Fran Thisse, W2BJI, who is Assistant Chief Engineer at WSYR-TV in Syracuse. He described past vacations taken with YF, Rene on various pleasure isles in the Caribbean and how, lately, they developed into mini-DX-peditions for him and greatly added to their overall enjoyment. Illustrated with photos and QSL cards, his talk was very much enjoyed by all present.

It is the custom at our dinners for each Amateur to identify self and guests. At this meeting, in addition, each one was asked to state the first license date and original call sign. It was interesting to note the spread of call areas involved: 1,2,3,5,8,9 and a D4! Yet amazing was the fact that so many have remained essentially where they began.

Hugh N. Siegel, K2CP

CALL BOOKS

We are deeply grateful to members who continue to send old call books to build up the QCWA library. James F. Abbott, W6FAA provided a copy of the Fall 1924 Citizens Radio Call Book - a real prize and one that was badly needed. Louie C. Hardy, W2QO donated a Spring 1937 issue of the Call Book Magazine and Frank Hartley, VE3JT sent a 1920 issue of The Wireless Association Call Book. These books will be treasured additions to our library. Harry H. Gloster, VE3IT presented a copy of the book "From Spark to Space," a most interesting book giving the history of Amateur Radio in Canada and a listing of many of the early Canadian stations.

Highest on our priority list now are the books from 25 years ago:

Fall and Winter issues of the 1951 call books

Spring and Summer issues of 1952 call books

And for Sixty years ago:

1916 call book

We will pay good money for this one.

MUSKEGON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary H. Russell Reece, W8BXS
1748 Evanston Avenue; Muskegon, MI 49442

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 14

The Muskegon Chapter held its Spring dinner meeting on April 14 at the Press Box. President, W8NWU personally invited each member by telephone. Yours truly was on a Spring break in Florida and arrived back on the scene just in time for the meeting. Thanks, Joe, for pinch-hitting for your dilatory gallivanting secretary.

A wholesome and provocative open forum was held concerning, name of chapter, dues, membership, visitors, and location of meetings. Chuck, W8UCG made a motion which was seconded by W8FLA to resolve our dilemma. After a great deal of discussion it was approved by the membership. Therefore, the MUSKEGON CHAPTER cordially invites all QCWA members or prospective members to join our ranks. Also, if you are looking for a home chapter or know of a future member, come along to the next meeting, Wednesday, July 14th -location to be announced.

H. Russell Reece, W8BXS

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John P. Trent, KL7DG
1700 Tudor Road; Anchorage, AK 99507

Next Meeting: In August, Montana Creek

Our February social meeting was held in Waldon Hall of St. Mary's Episcopal church. As a Bicentennial pitch on George Washington's birthday, we ate cherry pie like crazy and listened to stories of George Washington around the circle of nine. It was a small but warm gathering with wide window view of Chugack Mountains in the S. E. Herb Rosenthal baked a beautiful cake decorated with George Washington cherry tree and lettered, "KL7 QCWA 1776 1876 1976 ... -.-" Too darn pretty to cut, so we ate more pie!

Several Northern Lights members were on for the QCWA QSO Party. KL7AM and KL7MF counted as "distinguished members" for extra points. The offer is still open for a ceramic tile plaque to each QCWA station working four (4) Chapter 88 members.

See you at Montana Creek in August.

John Trent, KL7DG

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB
6105 37th Street; Omaha, NE 68111

On-the-air: Every Saturday at 9:00 on 3980 kHz

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 25th, Victoria Springs Steak Fry.

The next chapter meeting will be held at the Victoria Springs Steak Fry on Sunday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. - just prior to "come and get it," at twelve Noon.

For all Midwest Division QCWA members who are not attending the QCWA National Convention in Houston, there will be a QCWA luncheon at the ARRL Midwest Division Convention October 9. A short business meeting of our chapter will follow.



A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to John G. Townsend, WØYYV, in a ceremony at Grampy's Pancake House on April 21. John's certificate bears #1639 and his QCWA membership certificate is #10,634. My, how we have grown!

John received his first license in the Summer of 1926, at the age of 16. It was while he was working in his father's print shop for 30¢ an hour. It

took a lot of hours to buy a tube that sold for \$7.50 or more in those days, but he obtained a 210 and built a bread board rig using the Hartley oscillator and got on the air as 5ANH.

John left Oklahoma in 1934 and moved to Southern Nebraska. where he received the call 9YYV - which later became WØYYV. John presently has the S-line with a home brew KW amplifier, a 3 element beam plus antennas for 75 meters. He has a Clegg 2 meter rig for local use. His YF, Dorothy, is WØUOK. John and Dorothy and their son own and operate radio station KJLY in North Platte.

We have news that WØYMU is moving to Custer, South Dakota. WØUIO is moving to Idaho, next to the Canadian border. WØNVE has acquired an additional call of WØRN (male Registered Nurse?) WØVYX took off for 10 days in Acapulco. WØFQB is planning on a vacation in Louisiana in October.

The new 1976 Call Sign Directory received applause. Only problem is that us "cow pokes" can't figure out the delinquency code. Must be from outer space, huh?

Arthur Gaeth, WØFQB
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NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact President Ray Griswold, W2SD
12 Vernon Drive; Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Meetings: Every Saturday Noon, Buffalo Trap & Field Club
On-the-air: Sunday at 1:30 p.m., around 3900 kHz

Brother Harvey Wannenmacher, W2MZ passed away February 17, 1976. We in this area miss his ready smile and friendship. W2KX, W2SD, W2LB and W2KZ sold his equipment for his widow. Also, members gave Mrs. Wannenmacher a donation in his memory.

Bill Hope, W2EWT is now the acting Sec/Treas. Bill Kiefer, W2AQY will be his assistant until election time in November.

We now have appointed Reps for the various radio clubs in our area: Bruce Kelley, W2ICE for Rochester; Ted Podd, W2KX for the Buffalo area (RAWNY); Nelson Griswold, WB2GUF for ARATS; Bill Kiefer, W2AQY for BARA (2 meter group); Cecil Logan, W2PNW for Jamestown area; Ed O'Conner, W2SSJ for Niagara Falls area. We expect to have others soon.



W2LB, W2KX, W2EWT, W2SD, W2KZ, W2LEZ, W2JPE, W2EIL
Photo by W2CIL

Our semi-annual dinner will be held at the Buffalo Trap and Field Club May 16. Our present reports indicate an excellent turnout. Our speaker will be Ken Palmer, K2FJ/PJ0USA. He will show slides with Bicentennial slant. Hope you chaps had a chance to work him!!

May 22 we expect to attend the Rochester Hamfest where QCWA, Niagara Frontier will sponsor a program. Our speaker will be Ed Lindberg, W2CIL. It should be a real good show.

Our chapter net does meet every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time and we at least try to get on around 3900 kHz. Call in, because we need your thoughts and wishes.

Ray Griswold, W2SD

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harry Wills, WIDJ
135 Quincy Avenue; Winthrop, MA 02152

On-the-air: Sunday morning 8:45 a.m. - 3917 kHz

QCWA members in New England - become acquainted with your fellow members in this area. Join us on our Sunday morning net at 8:45 a.m., 3917 kHz. Stop in and say hello even if you can't stay. You do not have to be a member of the chapter to participate in our net.

A Vermont member, WIMH, is in Europe again. WIIQU retired May 1, 1976 and is now busy building a retirement home in Madison, N.H., a small town nestled in the White Mountains. I said "town" when I believe I should have said "village." The Amateur population of that community will now number all of five ardent Amateurs. Good luck to George and Alice.

WIKJ, WILN, and WILID have been preparing their summer cottages for the season. Clint, WIEFY and his good wife, Polly, both of whom were recently hospitalized, are planning to leave their residence in Groton, Mass. and move to a new home in Nottingham, N.H.

The chapter's yearly meeting was held April 17 in Saugus, MA. The group was smaller than in recent years apparently because, for the very first time, reservations were required. A couple of days before the luncheon, the wife of Bill Morrison, WIAGX, fell over a flight of stairs and wound up in the hospital instead of at the luncheon. A few days prior to that, our good friend Henry, WINT, down on Cape Cod, suffered a heart attack and landed in the hospital, also. Both are doing well now. Other cancellations were necessary for some others, also.

WIEHS and WIDJ, representing the chapter, attended the NESCON meeting in New York and participated in hammering out resolutions for presentation to the officers and directors of the parent organization. A very worthwhile endeavor.

A matter of hours before our yearly meeting, one of the chapter officers, WIDVM, found it necessary to resign and will be replaced at a later date.

The hard working officers of the chapter are hoping to have a picnic and other lunches at a later date. Come on, all you eager beavers who want to help. Don't be bashful; dig in, have at it.

Anybody interested in having a chapter SSB net on 6 or 2? AM? CW? maybe. I forgot FM.

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hal Johnston, W7PN

48 E - Harrington Lagoon Road; Coupeville, WA

On-the-air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz CW

3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz SSB

Daily 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB

Next Meeting: June 12-13 Annual Meeting, Quays Motel, Vancouver, WA

Last call and reminder for our Annual Meeting in Vancouver, WA
All reservations MUST be in by June 10th. There will be no
banquet tickets sold at the door.

A big feature of the meeting will be the presentation of three
60th Anniversary Awards to the three Mumford brothers, W2CU, W3CU
and W6CU. One hundred and eighty years of combined Amateur ser-
vice in one family. The Mumfords started their ham activity in
Seattle and plan to visit many of their old time friends.

If anyone is eligible for the Golden Anniversary Award
(licensed 50 years ago), the secretary has application forms.
Also, a new certificate has been approved for "50 Years Con-
tinuously Licensed." There is a \$1.00 charge to cover the
cost of this certificate. The secretary has applications

The boys North of the Border have formed the British Columbia
Chapter with Bill Davis, VE7ACJ chairman and Ernie Savage,
VE7FB Secretary-Treasurer. If any of the VE7s wish to remain
on the Northwest mailing list, advise the secretary.

How about seeing all you guys and gals in Vancouver June 10.
The Committee is working hard to insure you have the best time
ever.

Hal Johnston, W7PN

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER - Continued from page 44

How many are trying the National net on 20 meters? You may
have to talk to NC Milt, W2SF by way of California, but that's
all right. Congratulations to Milt for the superb job he does
every Sunday.

Now that you have read this much of this report, I hope those
at whom the opening paragraph was directed will not have al-
ready forgotten what it said and will act now.

Harry Wills - W1DJ
Sec.-Treasurer

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Russ Estep, W6AUC
1469 El Camino Real; Belmont, CA 94002

On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3907 kHz Phone

10:45 a.m. - 3768 kHz CW

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. 146.25/85

The Board had a very fine meeting on March 13, making plans for our annual picnic and discussing other items of interest. The two-meter net has been progressing and plans are made to continue as is.

Our good member, Col. Ed Sears, whom many call "Old Sarge," K6QQI, has been in ill health and would very much appreciate members calling on him when in the vicinity of Sonoma. He is in a Home and gets good care. The address is Aqua Caliente Villa, 17250 Vailetti Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Rudolph L. Kreiss, W6AHG, received his 60th Anniversary Award at our annual luncheon in Oakland. Since then, Golden Anniversary certificates have been issued to Amos Kanaga, W6BAA; William Riley, K6GL; Everett Power, K6JY.

We are sorry to report Silent Keys Tom Atherstone, W6IV and Barney Osborne, W6US. We will miss them.

Below is a picture of our NorCal Chapter out-going President Ben Wambsganss, W6WOY handing the gavel to in-coming President Charley Henry, W6EJA. This took place at our annual luncheon at Jack London Square, Oakland, on February 8.



Our new President asks that we each "talk up QCWA." Let's all help Charley build our NorCal Chapter.

Russell A. Estep, W6AUC

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Apfel, W2GHV
PO Box 312; Park Ridge, NJ 97656

Meetings: Quarterly dinner meetings. Next meeting early June
On-the-air: NESCON Net 12:15 p.m. Sunday on 3917 kHz

The Northern New Jersey Chapter held its regular dinner meeting on March 12 at the Rochelle Park Ramada. Seventy members and guests were present in spite of rain and snow.

President Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, introduced newcomers, dignitaries and guests. This chapter now has 185 members. A moment of silence for Silent Keys was called for and in particular for W2PEV, W2RTV and W2GFZ, all of whom have recently passed on.

George Phelps, K210, was presented with his 52 year sticker. Thirteen "distinguished members" and guests with over 50 years of service were present. We have six members of our chapter who are of the original 34 Founding Fathers of QCWA. Of these 34 originators, 17 are now Silent Keys.

A short QCWA and NESCON History, as well as a NJ State Bicentennial map were placed at each setting. Numerous OOT and SOWP were also present. ARRL Vice Director, George Diehl, W2IHA, announced the forthcoming Hudson Division Convention on November 13-14 at Great Gorge, NJ.

Dave Talley, W2PF gave a short talk proving that the QCWA membership is getting younger and younger with each passing year. By a show of hands, disfavor was indicated with the present structure of the National Board of Directors. Practically all present indicated they would favor one director per call area. A petition to restructure will be presented for signatures at the next meeting of this chapter.

The program for this meeting was presented by member Sal Anzalone, W2HGT. He gave a remarkable and thrilling slide and sound presentation entitled "The Creation."

Our next meeting will be in early June.

George Apfel, W2GHV

JY9CR (W4YEB) writes from Amman, Jordan, "I have been in Jordan close to two years and have had hundreds of contacts with the gang back home. I am working 80,40,20,15 & 10 meters and we also have a two meter repeater network with repeaters in Amman and Aqaba linked together by microwave."

PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary R. L. "Robbie" Robinson, K4JLM
1706 Afton Avenue; Charleston, SC 29407

Next Meeting: July 10, Charleston, SC

On-the-air: Saturdays at 1300 Eastern on 3930 kHz

Our new banner was proudly on display for the first time at the luncheon meeting at Greenville on March 13. Fifty-five members and guests attended, including members of the Blue Ridge Chapter. Wade, W4AZT was a super host and MC.



L-R: John Wyman, K4HXZ; Harry Mills, K4HU; Doc Appleton, K4 K4RR; Bannie Stewart, W4CE; Robbie Robinson, K4JLM; Tony Landry, W4JMG; John McHank, K4FTB

Our congratulations to Ed Passow, K4CI, who has just been issued his Golden Anniversary Award. He joined our chapter recently and we are looking forward to meeting him in person.

Amateur Radio Week was set aside in the State of South Carolina by proclamation of Governor James B. Edwards, during the week of May 10 through 16.

A meeting of the Antique Wireless Association will be held in Winston-Salem on July 9-10 at Holiday Inn North. A QCWA luncheon will be part of the program. The Charles Towne Ham-fest will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on July 11. Headquarters will be the Charleston Inn, Charleston, S.C.

Our next meeting will be held in Charleston on July 10. We had tried to make arrangements to have it aboard the Carrier Yorktown, but find they do not have the authority to do this, so, we will look further. Election of officers will be held. Start thinking of whom you would like to nominate for the offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer. We also plan to have the By-laws ready for consideration of the members.

The Palmetto State QCWA net on 3930 kHz is going strong. Why not join us?

"Robbie" Robinson, K4JLM

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Martha Andersen, W5SBN
704 South Illinois; Weslaco, TX 78596

Meetings: Monthly October through March. (None during Summer)

Officers of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, Chapter are shown below. L-R: President Bill Hinman, W8UX
Vice President Earl Englerth, W5LRT
Secretary Martha Andersen, W5SBN



We tried to get a representative picture of the attendance at a chapter meeting, but we have so many Winter visitor members and they come and go so it is difficult to get a representative picture. The picture below shows part of the group at the first meeting. There were about sixty present.



We are working to get fifty charter members to qualify for our banner. We are almost there!

Martha Andersen, W5SBN

RAZORBACK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John L. Hug, W5CFQ
Rt #1, Box #1; Charleston, AR 72933
Next Meeting: Little Rock, AR.
On-the-air: Sunday at 1:00 p.m. local time, about 3900 kHz.

The Razorback Chapter held a banquet and meeting on May 1 at Wyatts Cafeteria in Fayetteville. There were 33 present. Time and place of the Fall meeting were discussed at the business meeting held after the banquet. It was decided to have the meeting in Little Rock, AR. W5FD agreed to arrange for the meeting with the help of other Little Rock members. Date and place have not as yet been established.

We now have ten members with Golden Anniversary Awards. WØKIC and W5AAH have 54 year decals and W5ANZ has a 52 year decal. Our congratulations to these Old Timers.

There was some discussion at the meeting regarding QCWA "Restructuring" and traffic handling by members.

Most of the members stayed over for a picnic on Sunday, May 2, sponsored by the Northwest Arkansas Amateur Radio Club.

Attendance at our Sunday afternoon meetings on the air has been good, but there is still room for more check-ins. We meet at 1:00 p.m. local time on/or about 3900 kHz.

John L. Hug, W5CFQ

ROAD RUNNER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary William D. Sperry, K5BVP
2716 Cardenas Drive NE; Albuquerque, NM 87110

A joint meeting was held March 3 with the monthly breakfast meeting of the Albuquerque Radio Club. A later meeting was held by members of the Roadrunner Chapter #90 and the following were elected:

Vice President: William Obrist, W4FT
Director, 1 Yr: Willie E. Petty, W5RU
Director, 2 yr: Edward Hart, Jr., W5RE
Director, 3 yr: Jennie Lathrop, W5YSJ

The next order of business will be the Constitution and By-laws for the Roadrunner Chapter.

William D. Sperry, K5BVP
Secretary/Treasurer

SAILFISH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Tony Sariti, W4DT0
4418 Holly Drive; Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33403
Meetings: Third Thursdays of each month

Sailfish Chapter had an Anniversary meeting at Tequesta, FL April 15th. There were 30 members and guests present. We welcomed a new member, Ralph Mellone, W4LRI.

The following officers were elected for the year 1976:

President: Cal Louis, K4GZ

Vice Pres: Bill Jochimsen, K4ZK

Sec/Treas: Tony Sariti, W4DT0

We have had the pleasure of presenting a Golden Anniversary Award to Ed Koeper, W4ZQT, and a 60th Anniversary Award to Bob Sidnell, W8KS/4. Bob's award was #16 Nationally and #1 for Florida. See picture below.



W4ZQT - 50 Year; Pres. W4KEB; W8KS - 60 Year

We have had a very good year and from a charter membership of 20 we have grown to a membership of 40. We regret the loss of one member to Silent Keys - William Kargoll, K4EQ.

Our chapter meets every third Thursday of each month, alternating between Tequesta and Port Salerno. We welcome all visitors.

Herb Combs, W4KEB

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Roy Maxson, W6DEY
221 Knoll Road; Vista, CA 92083

On-the-air: Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. local on 28.6 MHz

At our March 14 brunch meeting at Caesar's, there were approximately 100 in attendance. The location seemed to be an excellent choice and the food was extra good both in quality and quantity. The program was an opportune one, being a talk by Jack Templeton, Assistant San Diego County Tax Assessor.

Prior to the regular program, Paul Hower, WA6GDC and John Hendricks, WB6VIQ, gave talks covering the ARRL National Convention scheduled for San Diego in 1978. It will be International in character and scope.

Word has been received that Stuart D. Clayton, W6ORP has been issued a Golden Anniversary certificate. We hope he will join us so that an appropriate presentation can be made. We have also been advised that Dick Lee, W6EZ has been issued a 60th Anniversary Award. We all congratulate him on this event. Previous Award winners are shown below.



*Jerry Estep, W6JAO; Sam Burdette, W6YYV; Syd Burnett, W6KSI
Receive Golden Anniversary Awards from Pres. Si Morrison, W6OSD*

It is with deep regret that we report two of our fellow members have become Silent Keys. Murray E. Sanford, W6WZZ became a Silent Key on April 29. Francis Lyon, W6UCD died of a heart condition which had him hospitalized several weeks before his death. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families.

Our vote of thanks to Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM for his continuing efforts as QCWA representative on the Survivors Assistance Committee. He has been of invaluable assistance to the widows in disposing of radio equipment.

Roy R. Maxson, W6DEY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Moe Joffe, W6PHE
7259 Willoughby Ave; Los Angeles, CA 90046
On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3917 kHz
11:00 a.m. - 3695 CW

By the time this reaches the multitude, our Spring Dinner-Meeting will have come and gone. We will report on it next time.

A goodly number of the SoCal group made their way to the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Tucson, Arizona April 10-11. Weatherwise it was perfect. The registered attendance was just over 1000 and of those, 750 were at the Dinner. The comradeship was good.

Bob Holly, W6DRV brought along his "knock-down" exhibit of old time spark gear which attracted much attention.



At the operating position is Clate Blake, W6AGK, while Lucky Brown, W7NTG, Sec/Treas of the Arizona Chapter looks on.

A joint QCWA/00TC Luncheon was held on Saturday with about 60 in attendance. The QCWA group was entertained in a Hospitality room sponsored by our own Harry Gartsman, W6ATC.

Several new members were signed up and a goodly number took the opportunity to pay their dues or buy Alpha-by-Name Directories.

In the next photo we see a group re-engineering a UV203
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SOUTHERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Dr. Frank S. Brien, VE3GMD
144 Iroquois Avenue; London, Ontario N6C 2K8

Southern Ontario Chapter is making rapid progress on its plans for QCWA participation in the ARRL Convention in Ontario in June, 1977.

QCWA plans to have a small hospitality room open for 2 or 3 hours on Friday and Saturday afternoons, June 3 and 4. On Saturday we plan to have a large room available for just eye ball QSOs (no bar), and at 12:30 we have a luncheon scheduled. QCWA activities will continue in the hospitality room and the booth until about 5 p.m.

The Convention committee is having an "endless belt" 16 mm film prepared, telling in about 3 minutes all the features of the convention and the attractions of our city. QCWA will receive brief publicity. The film will be shown at the ARRL convention in Denver this coming July and at the major Hamfests and conventions in the U.S. and Canada.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join Southern Ontario Chapter QCWA during the ARRL Convention in Ontario, June 1977.

F.W. Hartley, VE3JT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - Continued

Hartley Oscillator. Left to Right is Earl Burdette, W6YYV; Graham Mc Conomy, W6BUK; and Bert Ayers, W6CL



SUNCOAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Lowell E. "Lee" Darby, K4GCY
7693 Cove Terrace; Sarasota, FL 33581

Our May meeting, being the last of the 1975-1976 Season, we found many of our members gone back North and quite a few of our Florida resident members taking an early vacation - all of which held our attendance to only 67.

Our past officers, Jim Balmer, K4ISG; Morris Brown, K4GSL; and Dale Donner, K4WR were given a big hand for having served 1½ seasons. The newly elected officers are:

President: Larry Crooker, W4PAT

Secretary: Lowell Darby, K4GCY

Treasurer: Elmer Enke, K4YC

Dale Donner, K4WR, our retiring Treasurer, received quite a nice newspaper write-up for his emergency work in the Guatemala earthquake. As Dale says, "Amateur Radio is our hobby until a quake, hurricane or other disaster strikes. Then it becomes our duty." Dale's YF, Lou is also an Amateur with the call of WN4IWM.



*Meritorious Award to W4GHR
Presented by Pres. K4ISG*

The QCYA Meritorious Award was issued to our Scribe, Bill Soehl, W4GHR at the February meeting. (Ed note: Bill said, "I can only say we have many other hard workers in our group." True. But Bill has certainly been one of the hardest workers.)

In line with K4LMB's poetry last issue, we have received several complaints that new members coming to our meeting for the first time, find it rather discouraging to walk around and not get even a "Hello, sit down," from anyone. One complaint said he walked around for 20 minutes without so much as a "Hi" from anyone. He left and has not been back. All complaints have been that there are groups who get together at each meeting and it is almost impossible to break into any of the groups. Starting next October, we will have a visitors committee who will greet first time visitors at the door and see that they are placed with one of the groups.

Next month we hope to give you some background on our new officers.

Bill Soehl, W4GHR

SUWANNEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Garland, W4LIN
PO Box 638; Inverness, FL 32650
On-the-air: Every Saturday, 1400 UTC on 3940 kHz
Next Meeting: June 12, Shanes Restaurant in Ocala

About 40 members have been attending our bi-monthly luncheons. Interesting programs have been one of the attractions. At the February meeting, a most interesting talk on "Early Florida History" was given by Helen Cubberly Ellerbe who is associated with the Florida University. In April a short movie titled, "Jamaica - It's No Place Like Home," concluded the meeting.

John Zwaska, W4WKQ related an interesting story from the early days. It seems that back in 1934 John scrounged enough parts and a "B" eliminator from his Dad's broadcast receiver to start off his ham career. The first station copied was 9FP in the environs of Chicago where John then lived. He had never met or seen 9FP until this meeting in Ocala where 9FP sat across the table from him - 42 years later. Hams do remember!

The first member to arrive at our February meeting was told that the radio group had no reservations. After a further check he found a meeting room assigned to the Quarter Century Wildlife Association!

Decals have been presented for Golden Anniversary certificates. Four for 52 years, one for 54 years and one for 56 years.

Larry Garland, W4LIN

TENNESSEE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Fralick, W4RQS
802 Noland Blvd.N; Madison, AL 35758
On-the-air: Sunday at 4:00 pm CDT on 3900 kHz
Next Meeting: June 12 picnic, 1:00 p.m.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter now has 43 members. The next meeting will be a picnic in the Sewanee, Tennessee area on Saturday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m. CDT. W4ERN is coordinating the picnic arrangements.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter QCWA net has been organized with Bull Durham, W4HHU serving as net manager. The net will meet each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. CDT on 3900 kHz. Anyone with an interest in QCWA activities is invited to check in.

Larry Fralick, W4RQS

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jerome Dewalt, W3BL/4
PO Box 3088 Beach Station; Vero Beach, FL 32960



*Dr. Starkweather, W9CMC
Golden Anniversary Award
Presented by W2TUK & K4QM
Photo by WB4PCU*

Dr. Rodney Starkweather, W9CMC, was honored at the Treasure Coast Chapter luncheon at the beautiful Riomar Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, March 20. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the Treasure Coast Bicentennial Hamfest at Vero Beach. Dr. Starkweather was presented his Golden Anniversary Award (with 54 year decals) jointly by Harry Dannals, President of ARRL and Isaac Roach, Chairman Treasure Coast Chapter QCWA

The luncheon was attended by radio amateurs from all over the country who had picked that particular time to have a little vacation in Florida. Among the guests, in addition to Mr. Dannals and Dr. Starkweather, were Lew Sieck, K4NE, of the Old Old Timers Club; Art Miligan, W8DW, Director of QCWA; and Creed Chorpeneing, W4TZ, Florida Council member representing the Treasure Coast Chapter. There were too many others to attempt to make a list of them all. Photo below shows the head table.



W4TZ; W2TUK; K4QM; W8KW; W3BL/4; K4NE; W4GJ

The Treasure Coast Bicentennial Hamfest was a great success. The proceeds will be divided equally between the St. Lucie Repeater Association (WR4AHW) and the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club (W4OT). The Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club is using most of its proceeds to complete the installation of an emergency Amateur Radio Station in the American Red Cross Headquarters at Vero Beach. This includes a Swan 700CX, a Midland 2-meter rig, a 40 foot tower, a Mosley tri-band antenna and an emergency generator.

Jerome W. Dewalt, W3BL/4

TYLER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Frank A. Sewell, Sr. W5IZU
1530 East Idel; Tyler, TX 75701

Next Meeting: June 12. Joint Tyler-Dallas Chapters meeting

The next meeting of Tyler Chapter will be held in the Smith Memorial Building adjacent to Tyler Rose Garden. This will be a joint meeting of Tyler-Dallas Chapters. A program will be presented by the Dallas Chapter. We understand that an attempt is being made to have W5IIL present his slide show of the Holy Land. Those that have seen it says it is beautiful.

Our last meeting was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Saturday, April 10. After a short business meeting the entire body went to the Technology Building of the Tyler Junior College where we were treated to a program and demonstration of the latest in computers by Charles Cunningham, W5ILD, an instructor with the college. We were told that in the near future our mail boxes could be replaced with a computer terminal and our mail would be printed out instead of delivered. It might just be an improvement at that! It was a very interesting program.

Some of the more recent members to the Tyler Chapter are: Melborne Robertson, W5KJB; Otho C. Lindsey, W5FR; S. A. "Sallye" Worley, W5FGF; and Cecil C. Cammack, W5RRM. Tyler Chapter is a rather small chapter but certainly not lacking in enthusiasm. Could be we are the only chapter that has an informal dinner meeting once a week. Hi.

Frank A. Sewell, Sr., W5IZU

CHANGES OF CALLS

Here are some of the changes in call signs reported since the last issue.

W2BCD	now	W6SLN	W6HZJ	now	K6RJ
W2BNJ	now	W6IL	WA6ICU	now	K4LC
K2DYO	now	W7KYX	W6QJW	now	K6UF
W2EZ	now	K7EJ	W8HSP	now	W7KZL
W2OYX	now	W1HKK	W8NC	now	K4HI
W3BTQ	now	K6SS	W9NFF	now	W9MY
W3HX	now	K4LG	W9RQM	now	W9NA
K3KCH	now	W5HEP	KØIID	now	W9GWD
W3LHS	now	K3DF	WØNCA	now	WØRG
W3UV	now	K4ZK	WØNRD	now	WØQS
WA4BEW	now	K4GV	WØOC	now	KL7AE
K4IXG	now	K4SC	KL7AH	now	W6SMD
K4RQE	now	K4LC			
W4VSB	now	K2GIN			

See, also, corrections to Yearbook shown on page 59.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary C.R. Basham, W8RN
PO Box 473; Charleston, WV 25322

Next Meeting: October, Charleston, West Virginia

West Virginia Chapter held its Spring dinner-business meeting on May 15 at the Ellis Restaurant near Bridgeport. The photo below shows 12 of the members attending.



Seated: WB8UDY. Standing L-R: W8HZA, W8ESQ, W8NCD, W8BT
W8CCN, W8REH, W8CWY, W8CCR, W8NR, W8PZT, W8JM

Members voted to have a booth and old gear display at the West Virginia State ARRL Convention at Jackson's Mill, July 3 and 4. John A. Davies, W8HZA of S. Charleston was awarded his 55 year certificate and Prof. William Hallam, W8LD of Buckhannon is now eligible for his 54 year award.

We have a nice little morning QCWA net on 3567 kHz around 7:30 a.m. It is on a daily basis with W8CCN, W8PZT, WB8UDY as "regulars."

Don B. Morris, W8JM

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

Following are some corrections to the listings in the new Call Sign Directory.

K2ASI listed as K2AST
W4GVD listed as W4CVD
W4VSH listed as W4VHS
W5CGC listed as W5GGC
K5CI listed as W5CI
K6SQ listed as W6SQ

K6ZB listed as K6ZR
W9UAZ listed as W0UAZ
G3DKS listed as G2DKS
VE3EJK listed as VK3EJK
VE3BOJ listed as VE3BDJ

Washington D.C.



Annual Dinner



WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ
4627 47th Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20016
Meetings: Quarterly.

Nearly 200 QCWA members and guests enjoyed the fellowship and dinner at the Washingtonian Motel on March 13. Many VIPs from QCWA, ARRL, FCC and other organizations were introduced.

National Executive Secretary Ethel Smith, K4LMB reported there are now 7350 active members in QCWA and 92 different chapters. ARRL President Harry Dannals, W2TUK reported briefly on ARRL doings, with the emphasis on preparation for the next World frequency conference. He stressed the need for Amateur unity and cooperation.

Bill and Royal Mumford, W2CU and W3CU were present. They, along with the third brother, Harold, W6CU, are celebrating 60 years of Amateur Radio operating. All three of them plan to meet for presentation of their 60th Anniversary certificates at the Northwest Chapter meeting in Vancouver, Washington, in June. The Mumfords got their start in Amateur Radio in the Seattle area in 1916. They are an inspiration to us young folks for all the potential enjoyment still ahead of us. Several father/son and husband/wife QCWA members were present and introduced themselves.

QCWA President Frank Gunther, W2ALS, made presentations of a 54 year certificate to John Kingman, W4JT, and a 50 year certificate to Gerald Bate, K3MWQ and George Reifenshtein, W3ML. Frank Gager, W3LSI, who could not be present, was announced as a recent 50-year certificate recipient.

The following organizations had enough members present to fill one or more tables: ARRL, FCC, C&P Telephone Company; NCDXA, PVRC, RCARA, Baltimore QCWA; Northern Virginia QCWA.

A standing moment of silence was observed for the following Silent Keys we have lost since this time last year: Willis Brown, W3HB; Harold Dinger, W3KH; and Al Delacroix, K3AO.

Dr. John F. Clark, W3GYH, Director of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, gave a beautifully illustrated talk on several fascinating aspects of outer space research. He also showed some of the ways in which space technology benefits our everyday lives. A lively question and answer period followed the talk.

See you at the QCWA National Convention in Houston, October 8-10.
Don Mc Clenon, W3IN

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an Amateur Radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of old call books which will provide proof in most cases.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee. Time payment on Life membership is also available: Three payments within 1 year - \$25, \$15, \$10.

CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members. Stickers are available to update new calls, etc. Replacement certificates may be obtained for 50¢.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in Amateur Radio. Decals are issued for each additional 2 years. Replacement of Golden Anniversary certificate costs \$1.00.

50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED certificates are issued to QCWA members whose calls appear in all issues of the call book since 1916. There is a \$1.00 charge for this certificate.

60th ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued to those who have completed 60 years in Amateur Radio.

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES certificates are issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working QCWA members in all 50 states of the U.S.

WORKED 100 QCWA. An Operating Award is issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working 100 QCWA members

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTERS certificates are issued for contacting members of 60 different QCWA Chapters. Proof must be submitted.

QCWA QSO PARTY. A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO Parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently. Certificates are also issued to the top three chapters with highest aggregate scores in the annual QCWA QSO Party.

QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased for QCWA members.

QCWA Alpha-by-Name Directory\$3.00

QCWA Lapel Pin - Gold plated, with call engraved.....\$3.00

Clutch pin, pin clasp or screw button styles

QCWA 50-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....\$4.00

QCWA 60-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only)..... \$4.00

Blazer Emblem. 4" embroidered patch with QCWA Logo.....\$3.00

500 Red QCWA Stamps - for Regular Members.....\$1.75

500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members\$1.75

400 Stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio."\$2.00

Logo Rubber stamp (1½ inch)\$3.50

QCWA Auto Decal (4 inch)..... .25

Chapter Banners * 2½ x 4 foot Storm King Cotton \$30.00

(\$60 cost shared by Headquarters.)

* Free to Chapters having 50 or more members. -----

QCWA supplies may be ordered as gifts for QCWA members who meet appropriate qualifications.

QCWA HEADQUARTERS
2012 Rockingham Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

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W6FQ NCS West

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